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Dear Parents and Carers,

Consultation on Proposed Changes to Weston All Saints Primary School

As many of you will know from my communications last year, Weston All Saints Primary School, like many schools locally and nationally, has experienced a decline in pupil numbers due to falling birth rates. In response, the school has consolidated its classes into two buildings, enabling the school community to work more closely together while continuing to make the most of the school's extensive grounds and facilities.

This is an exciting development for the school. It creates greater opportunities for staff to collaborate, strengthens relationships across the school community, and enables older and younger pupils to engage with and support one another whilst still benefiting from dedicated learning spaces and age-appropriate indoor and outdoor provision. We know that children settle and thrive when they feel part of a close and connected school community, and we are looking forward to seeing these benefits continue to grow throughout the year.

You may also have noticed that a significant amount of work took place over the summer holidays to prepare for these changes and further enhance safeguarding arrangements across the site. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this work, including volunteers who have helped make improvements to the playground areas. Together, these enhancements have created an even better environment for our pupils to learn, play and flourish.

As part of these changes, the building no longer required by the school is now being used by the Hospital Education Reintegration Service and the Specialist Autism Support Service. We are delighted to welcome these services to the site. Their presence brings valuable expertise closer to local children and families and places these important services at the heart of the Bath and North East Somerset community they support.

The changes made to the use of the site mean that the school's overall capacity has reduced. As a result, we are required to submit a formal application to the Department for Education to update the school's official net capacity to reflect the way the school now operates.

The current arrangements are operating on a temporary basis while formal approval is sought. As part of the process, we are required to undertake a public consultation, and we are keen to hear the views of parents, carers, staff and other stakeholders before an application is submitted. This letter forms the formal consultation:

Why are changes being proposed?

In recent years, we have consulted on a reduction to the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) and this is reducing to 60 pupils per year group to reflect local demand for school places. The PAN is, in essence, the maximum number of pupils that can be admitted annually to reception.

Whilst the PAN has changed, the school's formal net capacity has not yet been updated. We are therefore proposing to align the school's official capacity with the number of places the school is currently set up to provide, ie reducing the school capacity from a three form entry to a two form entry school.

Importantly, this proposal would not affect the number of pupils currently attending the school and would not alter the admissions arrangements already in place.

This change would also ensure that we are able to make use of the accommodation that is no longer required because of the reduction in pupil numbers (formerly Little WASPS) for example through the placement of the commissioned services that are currently on site. This would ensure that the available space continues to be used effectively to benefit children and families across both our Trust and the wider local community as well as benefitting WASPS.

What would this mean for pupils at WASPS?

We do not anticipate any negative impact on the education, curriculum, opportunities or day-to-day experience of pupils attending WASPS.

The school would continue to operate as it does now, with its existing age range, admissions arrangements and educational provision remaining unchanged.

Indeed, we believe these proposals provide an opportunity to make the best possible use of the school's facilities whilst continuing to strengthen the support available to children across our community.

Consultation Period

The consultation will run from 14 October to 2 November.

We would welcome your views and feedback. You can respond by:

- Completing the online consultation form [HERE](#)
- Emailing: office@thepartnershiptrust.com
- Writing to: The Partnership Trust, Fosse Way School, Bath BA3 3AL

What Happens Next?

Following the consultation, all responses will be carefully considered by the Trust. A summary of the feedback received will form part of any significant change application submitted to the Department for Education.

No final decision regarding the proposed reduction in net capacity will be made until the consultation has concluded and all feedback has been reviewed.

We greatly value the views of our school community and thank you for taking the time to participate in the consultation.

Kindest regards



Emily Massey

CEO