

25th September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

**Re: Northern Ambition Academies Trust – Alternative Provision Consultation**

In 2022, the government published the SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper, outlining its commitment to open new alternative provision schools. The goal is to ensure that all young people who require this provision have access to a suitable place. Northern Ambition Academies Trust have been working with Wakefield Local Authority and have identified a clear need in the region for additional alternative provision places.

**Vision for Alternative Provision at Airedale Academy**

At Northern Ambition Academies Trust, our vision is to create a world in which all young people can flourish, dream and succeed. We believe that every child, whatever their background or circumstances, should be given this opportunity. We want every child to leave school equipped with the essential skills they need to contribute effectively to society and to become well-rounded, confident, happy adults.

We do however recognise, that every child or young person is unique and will face needs and/or challenges, which are unique to them. We are committed to ensuring that every child and young person both within Northern Ambition Academies Trust, and our local area, receives the support they need to fulfil their potential. A small alternative provision located within our Trust will not only support us in achieving our vision for young people but will also provide tailored support and intervention strategies to address their specific needs. Our aim is for all young people who require this provision to have access to an appropriate and quality education where they are given every opportunity to flourish, dream and succeed.

We are now entering the next phase of our joint planning to ensure that additional local capacity is provided for our children and young people and wish to consult with our stakeholders regarding the proposal.

As a parent / carer of a child at one of our schools we would be keen to hear your views on the proposal and answer any questions you may have.

**How do I find out more?**

A consultation meeting where you are able to meet with myself and other members of the Northern Ambition Academies Trust team and Local Authority colleagues to find out more information is scheduled as follows:

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**6pm**  
**Airedale Academy Theatre**

Please visit the consultation page of the Airedale Academy website (<https://www.airedaleacademy.com>) under 'About Us' and complete our booking form to indicate that you would like to attend this meeting. Alternatively, please email [charlotte.hawes@northernambition.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.hawes@northernambition.org.uk) to book your place.

You can also go online at <https://www.airedaleacademy.com> to find further details on our plans. If you would like to offer your feedback on the plans you can do so in the following ways:

- By completing our online survey on our website <https://www.airedaleacademy.com/>
- By completing the paper survey at the end of this letter and handing it in to school reception
- By emailing <mailto:charlotte.hawes@northernambition.org.uk>
- By asking questions at the consultation meeting

If you are unable to attend our meeting but would like a conversation with us, or you have any questions then please email [charlotte.hawes@northernambition.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.hawes@northernambition.org.uk) who will organise this for you.

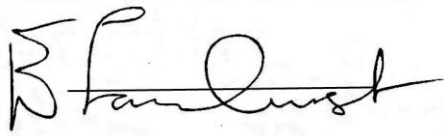
**When do I need to feedback by?**

Our consultation runs from 25<sup>th</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> October inclusive and we hope to issue our final report and findings by no later than 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Ongoing communications about the school will be kept up to date on our website <https://www.airedaleacademy.com/>

We look forward to hearing your views and working with you to support the development of our new school provision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Fairhurst', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Liz Fairhurst  
CEO

## Northern Ambition Academies Trust – Alternative Provision Consultation Survey

Please tick the box which best describes the type of stakeholder you are? (please tick all that apply)

- Parent / Carer of a child currently attending a Northern Ambition Academies Trust school
- Parent / Carer of a child currently attending another mainstream school
- Member of staff at a Northern Ambition Academies Trust school
- Trustee/Member of Northern Ambition Academies Trust
- Academy Councillor of a Northern Ambition Academies Trust school
- LA Representative
- Elected Councillor or MP
- Partner organisation
- Member of the local community
- Other – please state

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**Are you completing this survey:**

- In advance of attending a consultation meeting
- After attending a consultation meeting
- Having read consultation documentation available to you (whether sent home, to work or online)
- Having received the survey link but no supporting information

**Do you agree with our proposal to open an alternative provision at Airedale Academy, part of Northern Ambition Academies Trust?**

- Yes
- No (if no please provide more information)
- Don't know

**If you answered no to the question above, please provide us with more information.**

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**Any further comments or questions?**

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**If you would like to receive a copy of the final report and findings and/or would like a response to any question asked whilst completing this survey please let us have your: Title/First Name/Surname/Email/Telephone below. Your details will only be used for this purpose and will not be passed onto any third party. We will store your information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR**