



7th May 2021

School Expansion

I am writing on behalf of the governing body of Wren Spinney School, and the trustees of Creating Tomorrow Multi Academy Trust, to inform you of the proposal to increase the student capacity at Wren Spinney.

The leadership team of Wren Spinney, and the Trust, have been working with the local authority to accept a growing number of students however, Wren Spinney is only funded for a capacity of 60 number of students.

The Local Authority have recently supported Wren Spinney in converting and updating some rooms within the school to ensure the facilities are fit for purpose and support the school to accept a small increase in numbers.

To do this we had to apply to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), government department, to increase our numbers to 80 students, so that the school could be funded for the additional places.

This year Wren Spinney has 66 students, and for September 2021 the local authority has asked the school to take in an additional number of students, taking the number on roll to 80. This will mean that Wren Spinney will have 20 students above their funding agreement, and forcing the school to stretch its budget beyond capacity.

The trust is applying to the ESFA for a capacity of 80, which the leadership team at Wren Spinney feel is manageable considering the space in specific year groups and the school.

Our consultation process begins Tuesday 18th May 2021 and ends on Tuesday 29th June 2021.

Please read through the attached document and complete the form adding any comments you wish. Please return all replies, either by email with the subject header "Wren Spinney Consultation", or in a sealed envelope marked "Wren Spinney Consultation" to the Wren Spinney school office (Wren Spinney, Westover Rd, Kettering, NN15 7LB). These must be received by no later than 5pm Tuesday 29th June 2021.

I would also like to invite you to a consultation event about the proposals. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions there will be 2 meetings, the first will be a virtual session held via zoom, the second will be a face to face event.

- **Virtual Consultation Event – Thursday 10th June 2021 1pm – 2pm**
 - There will be a short presentation and the opportunity for questions and comments. The short presentation will be shown twice during the session. If you would like to attend this session please see the link on our website www.wrenspinney.co.uk, under the News section, or email myself klatham@creatingtomorrowtrust.co.uk
- **Face to Face Consultation Event – Tuesday 22nd June 2021 5pm – 6pm**
 - There will be an opportunity to speak to senior leaders of the school and Trust and to ask questions about the proposal. The drop-in session will be held at Wren Spinney School, Westover Road, Kettering, NN15 7LB
 - The session will be held under the school's covid restrictions, and we would ask that if you wish to attend, only do so if not exhibiting any covid symptoms. Under the current understanding of the guidance we will also ask everyone to wear a face covering.



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If you would like further information about Wren Spinney, please visit our website www.wrenspinney.co.uk

You will also find the consultation paperwork, including an electronic version of the response form, and a link to the virtual Consultation Event by following this link [School Expansion](https://www.wrenspinney.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=20)
<https://www.wrenspinney.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=20>

The trustees of Creating Tomorrow Multi Academy Trust will inform you of the outcome of the overall consultation by letter.

I hope that you are able to attend one of our events, however in any case please do not hesitate to contact either the school or myself if you would like to discuss this in further detail.

Yours Faithfully

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