



Public Consultation

**New Special
School planned
for Dorset pupils**

**Consultation Closes:
Friday 21st December 2018**





The Proposed Academy

The Harbour School is a Special Free School that has been proposed by The Delta Education Trust, a Multi Academy Trust (MAT).

The Harbour Free School will be part of the MAT and benefit from the skills and experience of a Trust with a track record of providing outstanding education for pupils with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND). As a Trust our vision is clear – we do whatever it takes to:

- *Turn around lives*
- *Create opportunities*
- *Build Futures*

A Free School is funded directly from the Government, giving it the freedom to focus on appropriate personalised learning pathways for all pupils. Free Schools are regulated and inspected by Ofsted and their performance is closely monitored in order to assure parents and carers that their children receive high quality education appropriate to their needs.

The Harbour School will offer full-time, therapeutic education for 160 pupils with complex needs associated with autistic spectrum conditions and social, emotional and mental health needs who have the capacity to access a suitably differentiated mainstream curriculum. A link to our Admissions Statement can be found on our website:

www.harbourschooldorset.com

Our Vision

We are totally focused on achieving the best possible long-term outcomes for young people who have experienced anxiety, fear, frustration and anger as a result of unmet need. We know that all young people have a unique set of abilities and skills, which if harnessed and celebrated can lead to increased resilience and positive futures. We aim to create a climate of aspiration, with a blended curriculum offer that includes a comprehensive range of therapies and interventions that enable all pupils to access learning opportunities.

The Academy

The academy will admit pupils from across Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth and we are working closely with these Local Authorities to develop a transport plan that will support pupils and families and, through creative transport options, minimize traffic in the local area. In addition to a car park and secure cycle store, site plans include a dedicated 'drop off' and parking zone for minibuses transporting pupils and staff from 'pick up' hubs including Wool station.

The academy will be based on the former site of Bovington Middle School (now closed) in new, purpose-built accommodation with a range of specialist resources to enable us to meet the social, emotional, sensory and learning needs of our pupils. We plan to open in temporary accommodation on this site in September 2019 and are working collaboratively with the Department for Education and Local Authorities to minimize our length of stay in these temporary facilities.

Our Curriculum

The Harbour School curriculum supports our overarching aim that our pupils leave us with the skills, knowledge and confidence to participate in society and live independently, both economically and socially.

We are committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum, based on the National Curriculum but with personalized and flexible pathways that allow progression for every pupil to further education, training and employment.



Core Features of our Curriculum

- The school is both an academic and a therapeutic environment.
- Qualified staff with specialist training will plan high quality learning opportunities supported by skilled and experienced education, care and health professionals.
- A blended curriculum with integrated therapies and enrichment to foster resilience and a love of learning.
- A communication friendly environment.
- A focus on outdoor learning opportunities that allow young people to investigate, develop understanding and a fundamental respect for the natural world.
- Flexible academic and vocational learning pathways to meet the needs of all students.
- High quality, specialist education that allows pupils to remain within their family and community.
- A focus on developing key life, study and employability skills to prepare young people for independent living, employment, training or further study.
- Partnership working with families including support, training opportunities and shared learning and enrichment programmes.



More info @ www.harbourschooldorset.com



The purpose of this consultation

We plan to open the Harbour School Dorset in the 2019/20 academic year and we would value your views. In March 2016, Delta Education Trust's application to open The Harbour Special School was approved by the Department for Education to proceed to the 'pre-opening' stage. At this stage of the process we are required, under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010, to consult with interested parties as to whether they think Delta Education Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for the opening of The Harbour School.

The Funding Agreement is a contract that details key aspects of the Trust's responsibilities and sets out the conditions of how the school must function in such areas as the Admissions Code and the SEND Code of Practice. The agreement also outlines the circumstances under which the Secretary of State can intervene should the school's performance be considered unacceptable. A link to the Model Funding Agreement can be found on our website:

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How to respond to the consultation

It is very important to us that we receive your views.

Please visit our website, where you will find all relevant information and will be able to complete a short online survey.

www.harbourschooldorset.com

Thank you.

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