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## Woodford Primary School

Section 10 Consultation

'Dream Big, Aim High'



## Who are the Laurus Trust?

The Laurus Trust is a Multi Academy Trust founded by Cheadle Hulme High School (CHHS), an 11-18 secondary school, and Gorsey Bank Primary School (GBPS), a high-performing primary school in Wilmslow in 2016. We have since opened four further free schools in 2018 and Hazel Grove High School joined the Trust in September 2019.

All of our schools are heavily oversubscribed and have a reputation, both locally and further afield, for outstanding teaching and learning. We have also been approved to open an 80-place Alternative Provision School in Stockport, Laurus Grace, which will cater for students with significant social, emotional and mental health needs.

The Laurus Trust Vision is, 'for everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, to be inspired, to thrive in all environments, to recognise what it takes to succeed, to set aspirational goals and work hard to achieve them.'



Linda Magrath  
CEO, Laurus Trust

## Our proposal

We are proposing to open Woodford Primary in September 2022, initially by providing 30 Reception places. A further Reception class would be added each academic year until Woodford Primary grows to a thriving 210 pupil, one form entry school in September 2028. The school will also be home to a 20 place Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds.

Located at the heart of the Woodford Garden Village community, our intention is for Woodford Primary to be a local school for local children. It will be an inclusive, non-selective, non-

denominational one form entry school where all pupils can thrive, regardless of their background or circumstance.

We are proposing that the Secretary of State for Education enters into a Funding Agreement with the Laurus Trust. A Funding Agreement is the contract between the Secretary of State for Education and the academy that sets out the terms on which the academy is funded. This will enable the school to open to its first cohort of pupils in September 2022.

## Why does Woodford need a new primary school?

Under section 6A of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (the 'free school presumption') where a Local Authority identifies the need to establish a new school it must, in the first instance, seek proposals to establish an academy. Stockport Council has identified the need to establish a new Primary School in Woodford to open in September 2022.

Woodford Garden Village is a new housing development and when completed will comprise 920 residential dwellings. It was agreed as part of planning obligations that the developer would build a one form entry primary school upon occupancy of the 450th house. The developer has committed

to delivering a school building in June 2022.

Health visiting data suggests that there are sufficient children to sustain a one form entry primary school emerging from the development.



## What can you expect from Woodford Primary School?

At Woodford Primary School pupils will feel safe and secure, valued and cared for. School will be an enjoyable, exciting place where every pupil will flourish and succeed.

We believe that the most effective way to achieve self-worth for every child is by being unashamedly academic, unapologetically aspirational and by having uncompromising standards within a culture of:

- *Valuing hard work – we do whatever it takes for as long as it takes*
- *Continuous improvement*
- *Respect and trust*
- *High expectations and ambition*
- *High autonomy, high accountability*
- *Praise and reward - celebrate success and learn from failure*

As a Trust, we understand that academic achievement is not enough and that pupils need a progressive Enrichment Curriculum as well as an ambitious Academic Curriculum. Four Curriculum Drivers: Collaboration, Possibilities, Respect and Technology, provide a framework for our Enrichment Curriculum which is designed to develop cultural and social capital through opportunities pupils may not have had otherwise.

COLLABORATION	POSSIBILITIES
To learn from each other To support each other To be successful together	To challenge ourselves To challenge each other To push boundaries
RESPECT	TECHNOLOGY
To understand ourselves To appreciate each other To value diversity	To learn To communicate To create

At Woodford Primary, pupils will be encouraged to 'Dream Big' so they can 'Fly High'. They will be taught about the school's heritage of flight and aviation in an environment where they feel safe and secure, valued and cared for. School will be an enjoyable and exciting place where all Woodford Primary pupils flourish and succeed because they are taught to believe that the sky is the limit!

We will go above and beyond to ensure that all pupils benefit from a curriculum that goes well beyond statutory requirements and equips them to make a positive contribution to their local and global community, now and in the future.



## Off to a flying start

We understand that starting school is a significant moment for you and your family. We will do everything we can to ensure your child gets off to a flying start with us.

We take our responsibility for your child's personal and academic development seriously. We place great emphasis on developing and maintaining positive relationships in an inclusive environment that enables every child to flourish. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is vital for every child's personal and academic development.

The Reception year is a very special part of your child's school journey. We strive to provide a unique, challenging and inspirational curriculum based on new and memorable experiences. During the year we will work with your child to learn and understand their individual needs and support them in their learning and development.

Our progressive curriculum ensures that all children are provided with the best foundation on which to develop, broaden and enjoy their knowledge, skills, understanding and interests.



## Woodford Primary Leadership Team

### Lisa Woolley Executive Headteacher



Lisa has spent the last 20 years in primary teaching and has a strong track record of securing outstanding pupil outcomes. She believes that the best educators are the best learners and having completed a Masters in Education and a Masters in Business Administration, Lisa is now studying for a PhD in Education Research. Lisa leads on Governance for the Trust, serves on a Department for Education Head Teacher Reference Group and as an Expert Advisor for Ambition Institute.

### Elise Drake Head of School



Elise has been in primary teaching for 18 years, mainly focused in Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), working across three different Local Authorities. She has secured consistently high Early Years and KS1 results and is passionate about creating an inclusive environment in which all pupils can thrive. Having set up and established a brand-new primary school from scratch before, Elise is excited to put everything she has learned into ensuring Woodford Primary is a school its local community can be proud of.

## Proposed admissions process

If you would like to register your interest in a future Nursery or Reception place at Woodford Primary School, please visit our website [woodfordprimary.org.uk](http://woodfordprimary.org.uk) to complete the online Registration of Interest form.

Registering an interest will mean that you are updated with details of upcoming open events and any other important admissions information. Please note that registering your interest does not mean that you have applied for a place at Woodford Primary School.

The trust has drawn up the proposed admissions policy after taking into account some initial feedback from local stakeholders. The draft policy,

detailing how people can apply, how places will be allocated in the event of oversubscription, and how people can appeal against any decisions can be found on our website [www.laurustrust.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Woodford-Admissions-Policy-2022-23-IAPLAC-draft.pdf](http://www.laurustrust.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Woodford-Admissions-Policy-2022-23-IAPLAC-draft.pdf)

More information about the School Admissions Code can be found here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2)



## The consultation process

We would like to hear from the whole community in the coming weeks to help inform the Secretary of State for Education's decision on the Funding Agreement with the Laurus Trust.

We want to listen to your comments and act on feedback to ensure our school is the best it can be and meets the needs of the community we serve.

The consultation will run from Monday 17th January to Sunday 6th March 2022. This is an important step in our journey to opening in September 2022. We will record all views that are shared with us during the formal consultation.

You can give us feedback in a number of ways:

- Visit our website [www.woodfordprimary.org.uk](http://www.woodfordprimary.org.uk) and complete the online consultation questionnaire or return by email to [enquiries@laurustrust.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@laurustrust.co.uk) or by post to Laurus Trust, Free School Consultation, Cheadle Hulme High School, Woods Lane, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 7JY.
- Follow our Twitter feed @WoodfordPri and like our Facebook page @WoodfordPri and join in the conversation.

- Attend one of the public drop-in events we are holding at Woodford War Memorial Community Centre, Chester Road, Woodford, SK7 1PS:

1) 4.30-7pm on Thursday 10th February 2022

2) 9.30-11.30am on Tuesday 1st March 2022

You can view and download our consultation document at our website [www.woodfordprimary.org.uk](http://www.woodfordprimary.org.uk)





# Our location

