



Bowbrook
Primary School

SECTION 10 CONSULTATION REPORT



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THE 3-18 EDUCATION TRUST

The 3-18 Education Trust successfully won a bid to sponsor and manage a new Primary School within their trust– Bowbrook Primary School – in Shrewsbury, Shropshire. The school will admit 210 pupils aged 4-11 and include a 26-place nursery for age 3-4-year olds. The new school is required to fill the demand for primary school places to the west of Shrewsbury and provide a catchment area for the new housing developments at Darwin’s Walk and Bowbrook Meadows. Further housing developments are planned and so there are expansion plans proposed for the school to eventually grow to a two-form entry school with approximately 450 pupils.

The 3-18 Education Trust is a local Academy Trust of 6 Shropshire Schools and derives its name from the age range (age 3-18) of the pupils who attend our schools.

Fundamentally, the 3-18 Education Trust’s mission is for every individual to be in a great school. The 3-18 Education Trust has a philosophy that ensures that each school within the Trust has its own Head and Local Governing Body and can maintain its own ethos and independence whilst enjoying support and additional capacity where required from the Trust.

Vision:

‘Every individual is in a great school.’

Values:

We have 3 key values within our trust:

- Accomplished – to provide high quality education and training for all.
- Resilient –to be solution focused and able to intelligently manage challenges.
- Compassionate – to show care and understanding towards others.

Mission:

To celebrate the diverse nature, culture and identity of our individual schools, whilst enjoying the benefit of the team, so that each school is reciprocal in their support for one another and achieves together.

BOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL – OUR VISION AND ETHOS

Our school will open to Reception children in September 2023 with numbers growing year on year until we reach approximately 210 pupils. In addition, we will also be opening a 26-place nursery for 3 – 4-year olds.

We hope to later expand to a two-form entry school with two classes for every year group and approximately 450 pupils.

The school is set to be modern and vibrant with state-of-the-art facilities and resources to provide an inspiring learning environment for pupils. The school facilities will include: a library, a specialist Design & Technology classroom, an outdoor Multi Use Games Pitch and vast grounds with habitat area for outdoor learning.

Bowbrook Primary School will form part of the 3-18 Education Trust, a local trust of 6 schools which prides itself on educating pupils from the age of 3 to 18 in Shropshire. Coleham Primary School, which is a local successful and popular school, is also part of the 3-18 Education Trust and is helping to set up the new school ready for opening in September 2023. There will be collaboration opportunities with Coleham Primary to provide opportunities for pupils and staff to work together and share resources and best practise.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity for pupils, families and staff to join a school at the beginning of its journey and form a new school community, something very special indeed. We will be creating a learning environment in which all our children can thrive and reach their potential and where the individual child matters.

With a highly-trained team, we will support the entire cohort's needs, focusing on the whole child and making sure they make accelerated personal, social and emotional progress as well as academic progress. We will focus on individual needs and create a safe, aspirational and positive environment to for learning and creativity.

Our vision will be set by our new Headteacher and will focus on pupils being given opportunities and enrichment to become fully rounded individuals equipped to deal with life and prepared for the future. We want our children to be resilient, independent and kind.

The curriculum will be tailored for our children. RE and a focus on diversity will be important as Shrewsbury is not a culturally diverse area and so we will need to work hard to prioritise this. Sports, fitness and reading will be strengths but every subject must shine and because our aim is to provide a broad and balanced creative curriculum. The Curriculum will be personalised for the children at Bowbrook so it best meets their needs and is engaging and exciting.

Our aim is to provide an excellent education for children whilst developing the school's role at the heart of the community, so that the school is a special place for everyone.

Enrichment and developing children's talents will be a big focus; we want to create as many exciting opportunities for our children as possible to develop the whole child and give them choices for when they leave us. Trips, competitions, charity work, community and parent engagement all play a part in this.

We want our children to develop a lifelong love of learning in a happy, inclusive, safe and secure environment, to achieve their full potential.

INITIAL PHASE – OUR BID

The Local Authority identified that they needed to increase primary school places in Shrewsbury, in particular the west of Shrewsbury as the amount of provision and forecasts from planned housing in this area did not match the needs of its children. It was highlighted that the primary schools in this area are already over-subscribed.

By increasing the capacity, the Local Authority can make better use of their resources, increase choice for families, reduce journey times and support pupils and families to be part of their local community.

Based on the needs of Shropshire and the gaps in provision shown in the Local Authority's Admission forecasts, the LA developed a proposal for a new Primary School. The 3-18 Education Trust then successfully won the bid to sponsor and manage the school which will be handed over to the 3-18 Education Trust Portfolio upon completion.

STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Bowbrook Primary are keen to be an integral part of the community. Our consultation ensured a wide variety of stakeholders were informed of our plans and allowed us to capture feedback. The statutory section 10 consultation commenced on Monday 24th October 2022 and ended on Monday 29th November 2022. We set our consultation period at 5 weeks. Information provided to stakeholders took the following forms:

1. A hard copy Public Consultation letter (Appendix 1), Information Poster (Appendix 2) and Questionnaire (Appendix 3) were sent to all residents in the school's catchment area, this was made up of 921 addresses.
2. Public consultation documents were made available in digital and printed form and introduced the Trust and its ethos; key staff members; the admissions process; key information about the consultation process; and how to provide feedback.
3. Bowbrook Primary School website provided information about the proposed school, the consultation process and the public consultation events.
<https://bowbrookprimary.co.uk/home/about/public-consultation/>
4. A Facebook account was set up to promote the school and share information about the consultation period. The Public Consultation was shared with local Resident groups for Darwin's Walk and Bowbrook meadows via Bowbrook Primary School's Facebook page.
5. A public drop-in session was held at Shropshire Conferences Centre, Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury on Wednesday 9th November from 3:00-5.45pm. This was to ensure that as many local people as possible had the chance to access further information and provide feedback.
6. The Public Consultation Letter was sent to surrounding schools and nurseries that may be impacted by the new school.
7. Local schools were contacted by Shropshire Council Admissions Team before the consultation period to advise them of the Admissions Process.

STAKEHOLDERS INFORMED AND INCLUDED IN CONSULTATION

- Parents/carers
- Local residents
- Preschools/nurseries
- Primary schools

METHODS OF CONSULTATION

GROUP	CONSULTATION METHOD	DATES
Parents/carers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within Bowbrook Catchment Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter • Phone • Email • Website & social media • Facebook Community Residents Group • Drop in Consultation Event at local community centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W/C 24.10.22 • 09.11.22
Local Residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 921 houses in school catchment area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter • Phone • Email • Website & social media • Facebook Community Residents Group • Drop in Consultation Event at local community centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W/C 24.10.22 • 09.11.22
Preschools/Nurseries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter • Phone • Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W/C 24.10.22
Primary Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter • Phonecalls from Admissions Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W/C 24.10.22

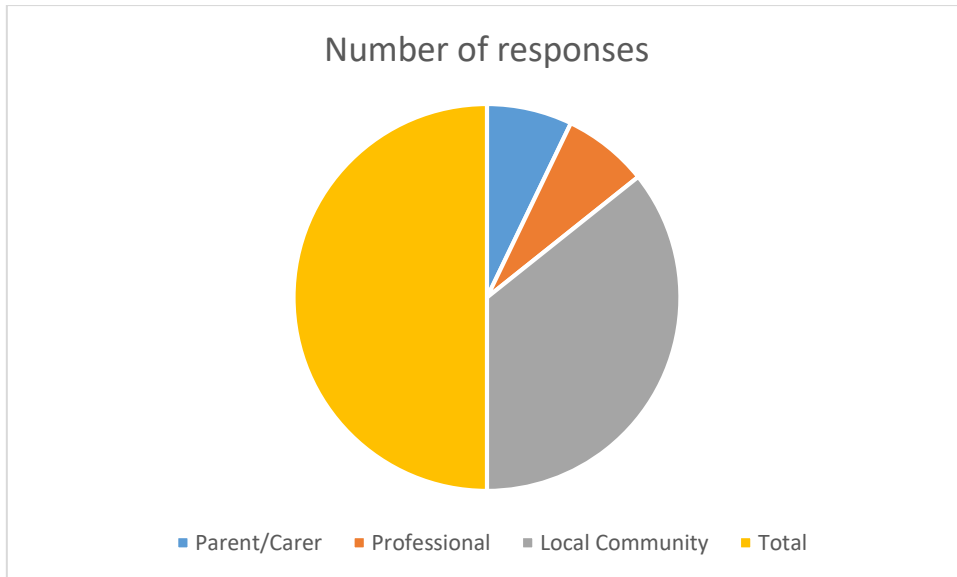
STATUTORY CONSULTATION – THE RESULTS

Questionnaire Responses

1. Which group do you represent?

- Parent/Carer
- Member of the local community
- Professional working with children

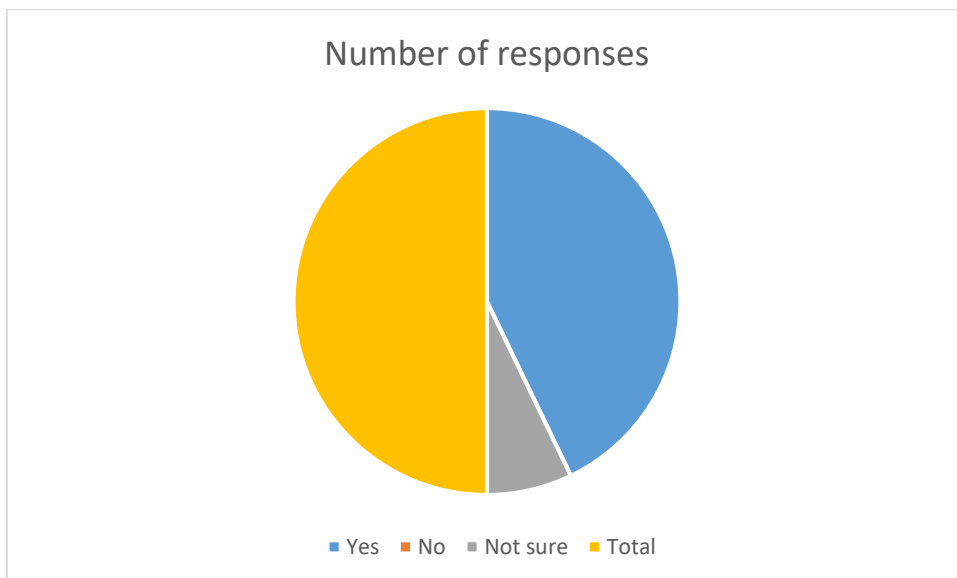
	Parent/Carer	Professional	Local Community	Total
Number of responses	1	1	5	7



2. Do you agree that the Secretary of State should enter into a Funding Agreement with the 3-18 Education Trust?

- Yes
- No

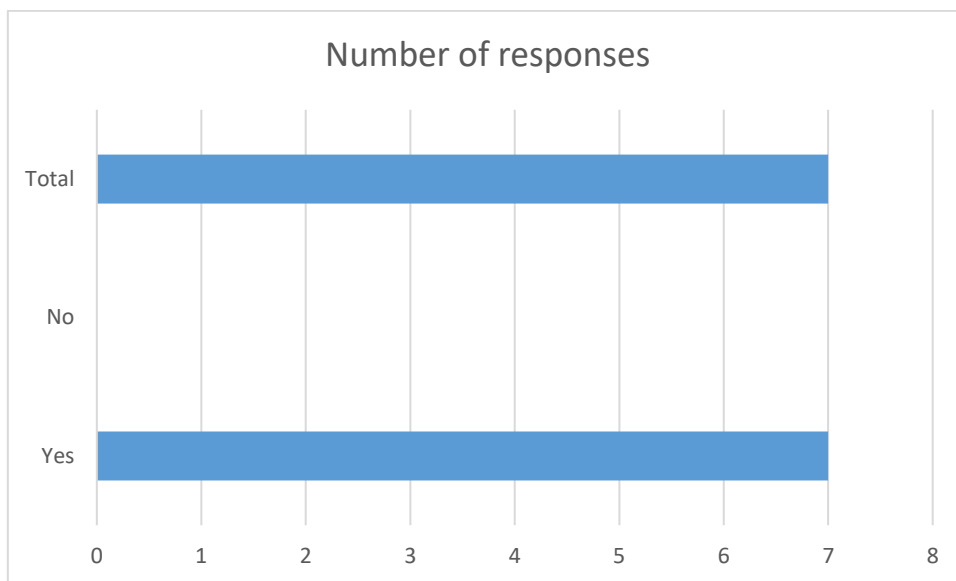
	Yes	No	Not sure	Total
Number of responses	6		1	7



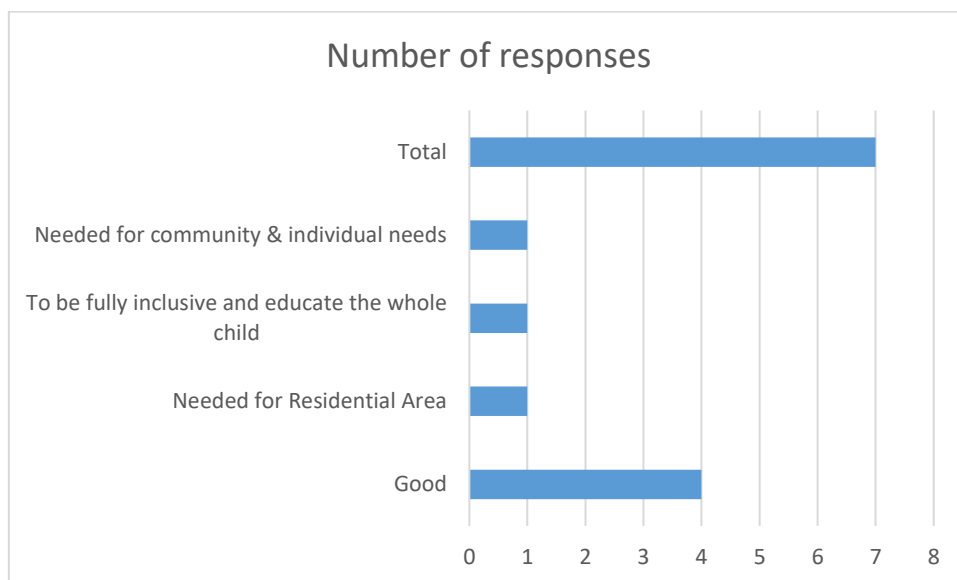
3. Do you agree that the Secretary of State should enter into a Funding Agreement with the 3-18 Education Trust?

- Yes
- No

	Yes	No	Total
Number of responses	7		7



4. How do you feel about the new school's vision and ethos?



Comments

“Looks great and much needed for the area where essential services are lacking, following extensive housing development”

Local Resident

“The school is aiming to be fully inclusive for all the children in the community. I hope that they are able to become the heart of the new community at Bowbrook. I fully support the vision to look after/education and enrich the whole child”

“It was lovely to hear about the ethos of the trust as a whole and how well the schools work together.

Professional

“It’s an excellent idea to have a new school- the building looks well designed with lots of space to grow in”

Local Resident

“I am very happy with the vision and ethos of the new school”

Local Resident

“Emphasis on both community and individual needs and environmental education. Wider community needs might be helped if the building could be hired/used in the evening”

Local Resident

OUR RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK

The feedback received was very positive, with the majority of respondents believing that the provision was much needed for the new community and were happy with the school’s plans for the vision and ethos. The Consultation period and drop in event addressed the following concerns below:

- Traffic congestion and parking concerns for nearby residents
- 1 query regarding environmental education
- 1 query regarding sustainability
- 1 comment regarding the school’s name

The 3-18 Education Trust are keen to be an asset to the local community and would like to ensure an open line of communication with the community so we can work cohesively.

Traffic Congestion Queries

Once established, the school will cater for 210 students at full capacity. We anticipate that many children will live in the catchment area and will therefore walk or cycle to school. The school will encourage Active Travel Plans and promote walking and cycling to school as an active start to the school day. September 2023 would see a maximum of 56 children in school *if* all places were filled for Reception and Nursery. The steady increase in pupil numbers year on year will help to develop and monitor travel plans and relationships with the local community. During the planning process the Highways Agency will be involved to ensure that the area surrounding the school is as safe as possible.

Parking Queries

Bowbrook Primary has 36 parking places, 2 EV Parking spaces and 3 Accessible Parking Spaces, with a future expansion area for the car park to build into as the school expands. In the initial few years there will be a rough maximum of 18 members of staff meaning approx. half the spaces will be available for visitors during school hours which should be more than ample for school meetings. During peak school drop-off /Pick-up hours the school’s proposed travel plan forecast that the majority of pupils will be walking / cycling from the local community and immediate housing estate. A new access road will be built to alleviate traffic on Squinter Pip Way and Morant view. There is no drop-off point within the car park but a loop and set entrance / exit gate are maintained for parents to

drop off their children to minimise waiting and disruption on surrounding roads. There is also an additional entrance pathway so pupils can enter school from a different direction alleviating access at the front of school.

Environmental Education

Query: *“Curriculum and Learning Experiences are designed around the needs of all the children in our care and their hopes and dreams for the future”.* I imagine this will include an ample amount of Environmental Education. Hopefully this will include Outdoor Education / Forest School that the group do elsewhere, learning about the nature of the plants that are suitable for a changing climate and the chance to get involved in some practical gardening if the children wish.”

Response: Environmental education is absolutely essential and will be covered in the school’s curriculum. As a trust we are passionate that there are many outdoor learning opportunities and the curriculum is brought to life by hands on, practical experiences both on and off site. There will be a habitat area on site specifically for forest school type activities and learning and I’m sure that a gardening area will be developed over time. We know that pupils in our schools are great advocates for sustainability and climate change and so I’m sure they will initiate a Pupil Eco Council and look at sustainability issues within school and beyond in the local community.

Sustainability

Query: “My reading of some of the documents associated with the Planning Application left me disappointed with the lack of what are no longer alternative but are mainstream energy solutions for a school. This is both as a curriculum learning tool as well as a means of reducing medium and long term running costs. The area of solar panels that is suggested seems very small especially given the vast area of flat roof available. Indeed, additional flat roof areas above some of the car parking areas could have solar panels which would help offset the needs for many of the electric cars that, within the next few years, will be parked there and will need charging. Additionally any surplus energy fed to the grid, especially during holiday times, could prove a good income source in the medium to long term . I noted from the Planning Documents a reluctance to contemplate ground source heat pumps because of the unknown nature of the ground around the school, but is it worth considering more air source heat pumps?”

Response: At the time of planning there was no requirement to install PV’s and as such fell outside the budget but there could be provision down the line for the trust to add additional PV’s. Ground source heat pumps would not have been viable for the project as the size of the plantroom required would have detrimental to the usable space of the school. Air source heat pumps are being utilised in the design of the school for the kitchen area. This is the highest energy usage area of the school and as such the application of air source heat pumps has already been designed to provide greatest potential energy efficiency.

School Name

Comment: “I notice that the name Bowbrook Primary School is being used on publicity materials. Bowbrook is actually the area on the north side of Mytton Oak Road – the watercourse it takes its name from also becomes the Radbrook when it passes UNDER that road too. It’s probably too late, but Bowbrook Meadows Primary School would better reflect the area where the school is actually located!”

Response: Thank you for your feedback, we like the name you have suggested but at this stage the name Bowbrook Primary is the final choice.

CONCLUSION

All of the people who attended the consultation events and provided feedback forms were in support of the new school, as well as its vision and ethos. Respondents felt the school was much needed for the new housing estates and families living in the area.

The consultation event attendees included families, local residents, prospective staff members, Local Councillor for the area and Shropshire Council's Learning & Skills Service Manager. This shows that the consultation raised awareness and sparked interest among a broad range of people.

The responses to the consultation mainly wanted further information re traffic congestion and car parking and attendees were satisfied with the responses provided. The overwhelming majority of responses were positive and supported the Secretary of State entering into a funding agreement with The 318 Education Trust. All responses were fed back the Deputy Chief Executive.

NEXT STEPS

Following our S10 consultation our next steps are as follows:

- The building work for Bowbrook Primary is underway and on schedule.
- Mr Sam Aiston has been appointed as Head Teacher and is due to start in April 2023.
- All information, as well as a copy of this document, will be available on our website. Our website and Facebook page will be kept updated with any developments.
- We will continue to work with Shropshire Council's Admissions Team regarding school applications for September 2023.
- A team of staff will be recruited in the leadup to September 2023.
- The staff at The 3-18 Education Trust will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to build positive and strong relationships within the community.

Appendix 1: Letter to Residents

Bowbrook
Primary School

Squinter Pip Way
Bowbrook, Shrewsbury
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www.bowbrookprimary.co.uk

21st October 2022

Dear Resident,

The 3-18 Education Trust's proposal to open Bowbrook Primary School has progressed to the pre-opening phase and we are now keen to undertake a public consultation to find out your views. Bowbrook Primary School will join our trust of 5 schools, comprising young people from the ages of 3-18. The 3-18 Education Trust currently includes: Coleham Primary School, Priory School, St Martins School, Thomas Adams School and William Brookes School.

Bowbrook Primary School is being built on Squinter Pip Way. The one form-entry school is scheduled to open in September 2023 and will include a 26-place nursery for three to four-year olds. Initially, it will open to a Reception class and Nursery, with numbers growing year on year until it reaches its capacity of 210 children.

We are passionate about ensuring the best possible education for the children in our care and, as such, we would like to hear your comments regarding our new school so that we can ensure that Bowbrook Primary and The 3-18 Education Trust are meeting the needs of the communities we serve. Your views and comments will also help to inform the decision from the Secretary of State as to whether to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Trust.

We will record all views shared with us during the formal consultation period and share our responses via our school website: <https://bowbrookprimary.co.uk/>

Our public consultation will run from: **Monday 24th October 2022 to Monday 29th November 2022.**

Public Drop-in Event

We will be hosting a public drop-in event on Wednesday 9th November. This will give you the opportunity to meet our staff representatives and learn more about Bowbrook Primary School's ethos and vision. It will also allow you to submit your comments to us.

Location: Shropshire Conference Centre, Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

Date: Wednesday 9th November, 3:00 pm – 5:45 pm

How to share your comments

If you would like to comment, please complete the short questionnaire attached and email it to admin@bow.318education.co.uk or alternatively please return it during the public drop-in event.

There are a number of other ways to share your views and opinions on our proposal:

@ **Email us at: admin@bow.318education.co.uk**



Telephone Claire Jones on: 01743 362668



Write to us at our postal address at the bottom of this correspondence.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,

C.V. Jones

Deputy CEO of The 3-18 Education Trust

Appendix 2 Information Poster



Bowbrook Primary School



WHO ARE WE? OUR ORGANISATION

The 3-18 Education Trust is a local Multi-Academy Trust made up of 5 Shropshire schools. Our name derives from the fact that the young people in our schools are aged from 3-18 years old. We are driven by our mission to ensure that 'Every individual is in a great school'. The child is at the heart of everything we do. Curriculum and learning experiences are designed around the needs of all the children in our care and their hopes and dreams for the future.



WHO ARE WE? OUR SCHOOL

Bowbrook Primary is a brand new school opening in September 2023. It will accommodate 21 pupils and there will be a 26 place nursery. In the first year, we will open a reception and a nursery class, with numbers growing year on year until it is full. Our proposal for the opening of the school has progressed to the pre-opening phase. We are now keen to undertake a public consultation and we would like to hear your views.



WHERE IS OUR LOCATION?

Bowbrook Primary will be located on Squinter Pip Way, Bowbrook, Shrewsbury.



WHY IS A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL BEING BUILT?

There is a shortage of primary school places in Shrewsbury. Bowbrook School will provide much needed additional school places and relieve pressure for school places in the west of Shrewsbury. The school will also provide capacity for the growing population and for the extensive housing developments planned for this area.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH

We are keen to be an integral part of the community. If you have any further questions or if you are interested in finding out more about the 3-18 Education Trust please do not hesitate to contact us.

Email: admin@bow.318education.co.uk

Please attend our public drop in event at:

Shropshire Conference Centre, Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ: Wednesday 9th November

3:00 pm – 5:45 pm

Appendix 3 Questionnaire



Bowbrook
Primary School

Squinter Pip Way

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www.bowbrookprimary.co.uk

The 3-18 Education Trust would like to open Bowbrook Primary School in September 2023. The school will accommodate 210 children, with an additional 26-place nursery for three to four-year olds. It will open, initially, to a reception class and nursery with numbers growing year on year until the school is full. The school will help to relieve pressure for school places in the west of Shrewsbury and provide capacity to support the growing population and extensive housing developments planned for this area.

We will be creating a learning environment in which all our children can thrive and reach their potential and where the individual child matters. Our aim is to provide an excellent education for children whilst developing the school's role at the heart of the community, so that the school is a special place for everyone. We want our children to develop a lifelong love of learning in a happy, inclusive, safe and secure environment, to achieve their full potential.

The 3-18 Education Trust is keen to hold a public consultation set out by Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010. Your views and comments will help inform the decision from the Secretary of State as to whether to enter into a Funding Agreement with our Trust.

Our consultation period will run from Monday 24th October 2021 to Monday 29th November 2022. During this time, we will be inviting all stakeholders, prospective parents/carers and members of the local community to share their opinions on the plans for Bowbrook Primary School. With this in mind, we would be grateful if you could complete the below questionnaire.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Which group do you represent?

- Parent/carer
- Member of the local community
- Professional working with children

If you are a professional working with children, please state which agency you represent:

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2. Do you agree that the Secretary of State should enter into a Funding Agreement with The 3-18 Education Trust?

- Yes
- No

3. Do you support the proposal to open a new primary school in Shrewsbury?

- Yes
- No

If No, please state your reasons why:

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4. How do you feel about the new school’s vision and ethos?

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Please return this questionnaire to the drop-in session on:

- **Tuesday 9th November 2022 3:00 pm – 5:45 pm at Shropshire Conference Centre, Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ:**

Alternatively, please email it to admin@bow.318education.co.uk or post it to:

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The 3-18 Education Trust
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your feedback is very much appreciated.