



Partnership Learning

Consultation on Proposals for Partnership Learning to open a new primary Free school provision on the Beam Park development in Havering – Park Primary Academy

1.0 Introduction

Following a successful bid to the Department for Education to operate a new primary Free school on the Beam Park development in Havering, Partnership Learning is proposing to open Park Primary Academy in September 2025. Park Primary Academy's permanent accommodation will be in a new building on Hart Way in Rainham.

This document sets out the opportunities for interested parties to give their views on the proposals outlined above.

2.0 Partnership Learning

Partnership Learning is an established multi-academy trust which oversees eighteen schools across five local authorities, including twelve schools in Havering and Barking and Dagenham:

Harrow Lodge Primary School - a mainstream 4 -11 primary school in Hornchurch
Hornchurch High School - a mainstream 11-16 secondary school in Hornchurch
Greatfields Primary School - a mainstream 4 -11 primary Free school in central Barking
The Sydney Russell School - a mainstream 4-18 all-through academy in Dagenham
Riverside School - a mainstream 11-18 secondary Free school on Barking Riverside
Riverside Primary School – a mainstream 4 -11 primary Free school on Barking Riverside
Riverside Bridge School – a 4-18 special Free school on Barking Riverside
Thames View Junior School – a mainstream 7-11 junior academy in Thames View
Greatfields School - a mainstream 11-18 secondary Free school in central Barking
Eastbury Primary School - a mainstream 4 -11 primary academy in Barking
James Cambell Primary School - a mainstream 4 -11 primary academy in Dagenham
Brook Sixth Form and Academy – a 14-18 University Technical College in Dagenham East

The trust also oversees six further primary and secondary schools in other locations: Hillingdon, Waltham Forest and Southend.

In its work in Havering, Partnership Learning is:

- Focused on improving the educational opportunities and life chances of the young people of the London Borough of Havering
- Committed to working as a full member of Havering's existing family of schools and in partnership with the Local Authority

3.0 Background

The Beam Park area of the London Borough of Havering is being rapidly re-developed, with construction of a significant number of new homes. Park Primary Academy is designed to be part of the solution to the challenge of ensuring that there will be sufficient primary school places available as the local population continues to grow.

Partnership Learning responded to a competitive bidding process by submitting an application to the Department for Education to oversee a primary Free school, that had already been approved to pre-opening stage, within the Beam Park housing development, offering families an accessible, high-quality learning pathway for children growing up in the local area.

The proposed school will eventually cater for 420 pupils aged 4-11 years, growing from an initial one form of entry in Reception to two forms of entry to each year group. When local demand justifies it, the school will also open a small nursery provision. The school will also provide additionally resourced SEND provision for pupils with ASD, MLD or SLCN needs when the local authority is ready to commission places.

4.0 Our Proposals for Park Primary Academy

Our motto “Excellence for All” sums up our ambition. Park Primary Academy will deliver outcomes above the national average for pupils on all key measures, and will support development of the personal qualities of confidence and resilience, and the skills and strategies for lifelong learning, essential for a successful life.

Park Primary Academy will be innovative and develop a curriculum that suits the needs of all its pupils. The school’s governance arrangements will enable fast, flexible decision-making at school level, enabling resources to be used efficiently and effectively to continually raise achievement.

The school will benefit from experienced leadership through being a part of Partnership Learning, in particular through close links with successful Partnership Learning primary provisions – such as the Ofsted ‘Outstanding’ Harrow Lodge Primary School and Riverside Primary School - to ensure that Park Primary Academy gets off to the best possible start.

We believe in provision of the same high-quality learning opportunities, teaching and facilities for all, whilst tailoring learning to meet the distinctive needs of different groups of pupils. Park Primary Academy will ensure pupils are able to achieve their full potential and experience a wide range of appropriate challenges.

4.1 Curriculum

In order to meet the key needs identified above we will focus relentlessly on achievement in the core subjects of Maths and English, both to ensure that all children meet expected levels by the end of Key Stage 2, and that those with the potential to do so reach ‘greater depth’.

Our curriculum at Park Primary Academy will have at its core for Key Stages 1 and 2 the subjects and content set out in the National Curriculum, and for Reception the areas of learning and early learning goals set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework.

We will develop children’s physical as well as intellectual abilities by providing both structured play and more formal sports and team games.

Children at Park Primary will also develop confidence in expressing themselves through a wide range of creative learning experiences including Art, Drama and Music.

The curriculum and styles of teaching and learning will also focus on developing the key character traits and skills of confidence, oracy and resilience to enable our pupils to be secondary-ready, to lead successful lives and contribute positively to society.

4.2 Extended Provision: before and after school hours

It is envisaged that the school will operate as an 'extended school' for pupils both before and after the school day, with a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer. It will also be available for wider community use at weekends and during school holidays.

Local groups and organisations will be encouraged to participate in the planning of activities and the wider aspects of the school's life. It is intended that the new school will contribute to community cohesion through its work with local schools and community organisations

4.3 Pupil Numbers and Accommodation

It is proposed that Park Primary Academy will open on 1st September 2025, in its newly-built accommodation on Hart Way on the Beam Park development in Havering.

In September 2025, places for 30 Reception pupils will be available and the school will then grow year on year until it reaches capacity at 420 places, expected by 2032.

4.4 Admissions

Our admissions process is administered and co-ordinated on the school's behalf by the London Borough of Havering, using the Pan-London Coordinated Admissions scheme.

Pan-London Coordinated Admissions scheme Timetable for Admissions to Reception in September 2025:

15 January 2025	Statutory deadline for receipt of applications (closing date)
16 April 2025	National offer day for on-time applicants

Number of children to be admitted (Pupil Admissions Number): The number of pupils to be admitted to Reception in Park Primary Academy for the first academic year will be 30.

How to apply for a school place:

The admissions process is co-ordinated by the London Borough of Havering and further details may be found on their website at <https://www.havering.gov.uk/school-admissions-1/apply-infant-junior-primary-school-place>

Late applications (after 15 January 2025)

Applications may still be made after the closing date (15 January 2025) in which case applications will be considered after the National Offer Day of 16 April 2025. Your child's name will be added to a waiting list and you will be contacted with the outcome of your application.

Informal Contact with the School

Alongside the formal application process outlined above, the school encourages parents/guardians interested in a Reception place for September 2025 to contact the school directly by emailing office@parkprimaryacademy.com to obtain advice and ask any questions.

Admissions/Over-subscription criteria for Park Primary Academy:

Park Primary Academy will have an initial admission number of 30 pupils for entry in Reception in 2024. The academy will accordingly admit at least 30 pupils if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if 30 or fewer apply.

Park Primary Academy's full admissions policy is available on Partnership Learning's website: www.partnershiplearning.com

A summary of the key criteria for admission is set out below:

When a school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below.

Admissions Criteria

When the demand exceeds the number of places available at the school, places are allocated by applying the following criteria in descending order of priority to applicants who have expressed any preference for the school.

- 1. Looked after children and all children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.*
- 2. Exceptional social or exceptional medical grounds*
- 3. A child whose brother or sister (sibling) currently attends the school or partner infant / junior school (not a nursery class attached to the school), and is expected to still be attending that school at the intended date of admission*
- 4. Children whose parent is employed at the desired school as either a teaching assistant or qualified teacher for a minimum of 0.6fte (16.5 hours teaching staff) and has been employed for at least 2 years at the time of submitting the application.*
- 5. The distance of the home address from the School, as measured by a straight line from the School, those pupils living nearer the school being given higher priority.*

Tie Breaker

If, because of oversubscription in any of the criteria 1 to 4 above, it is necessary to distinguish between applicants, the distance of the applicant's home address from the school, as measured by a straight line from the school, will be used, with those pupils living nearer the school being given higher priority.

If oversubscription occurs in criterion 5 and it is not possible to distinguish which pupil is to be offered the final place because the home to school distance is equal, the pupils concerned will be selected by random selection.

5.0 The Consultation Process

5.1 Key Dates for the Consultation

Consultation Period Starts: 12 noon on Monday 27th January 2025

Drop-in Consultation Events:

In-person: Monday 24th February 2025 at any time between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm
at Park Primary Academy, Hart Way, Rainham, RM13 8TD

Online: Thursday 27th February 2025 at any time between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm
using Microsoft Teams: Meeting ID: 384 291 611 228 Passcode: Zo7dE7EF

Consultation Period Ends: 12 noon on Friday 28th February 2025

5.2 Actions following on from the Consultation

Partnership Learning will read and consider all responses received.

The Trust will produce summaries of the responses to the consultations, which will be published on their website: www.partnershiplearning.com

The Trust hopes to be able to address comments received and will explain in the summary on their website how they have tried to do this and how they intend to take into account in their plans the comments received.

The summary will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Education in order to inform her decision on whether to enter into a funding agreement with Partnership Learning to open Park Primary Academy in Rainham.

6.0 How to contact us and find out more

You may find out more about the proposals of Partnership Learning by visiting their website www.partnershiplearning.com - or by emailing Partnership Learning, at:

office@partnershiplearning.com

You are also invited to attend an informal drop-in Consultation Event, to give your views or ask questions, at Park Primary Academy, Hart Way, Rainham, RM13 8TD on Monday 24th February 2025 at any time between 3.30 – 6.30pm

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7.0 Consultation Questions

The purpose of this consultation, carried out under the requirements of the Academies Act 2010, is to ascertain the views of interested persons on the proposal of Partnership Learning to open Park Primary Academy.

You are therefore invited to give your views on the questions of:

1. Do you think it is a good idea that the proposed School – Park Primary Academy - should be opened?
2. What are your views on the proposed location of the school?
3. The Trust that will run Park Primary Academy is required to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education, an example of which can be found on the DfE website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-and-free-school-funding-agreements-multi-academy-trust>

Do you agree that Partnership Learning should sign a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education to open Park Primary Academy in Rainham?

4. Do you have any further comments on any of the proposals outlined in this consultation document?

You may send your views and comments at any time during the consultation period to the following email address:

office@partnershiplearning.com

or by post to:

Chief Executive,
Partnership Learning,
Parsloes Avenue,
Dagenham,
Essex,
RM9 5QS

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Alternatively, or in addition, you may wish to respond by answering the questions in the Consultation Questionnaire below and sending your answers by email or post to the addresses above.

8.0 Consultation Questionnaire

1. Do you think it is a good idea that the proposed School – Park Primary Academy - should be opened?

Yes No

Further Comments:

2. What are your views on the proposed location of the school?

Comments:

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Yes No

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Further Comments:

4. Do you have any further comments on any of the proposals outlined in this consultation document?

Appendix 1 Consultation Summary

This is a summary - for full consultation document visit: www.partnershiplearning.com

Consultation

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