



# Creating Tomorrow Multi Academy Trust

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24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## School Expansion

I am writing on behalf of the governing body of Isebrook, and the trustees of Creating Tomorrow Multi Academy Trust, to inform you of the proposal to increase the student capacity at Isebrook and expand onto a satellite provision.

The leadership team of Isebrook, and the trust, have been working with the local authority to accept a growing number of students, however:

1. Isebrook is only funded for a limited number of students
2. Due to the changing needs of some of our students needs, and those being admitted, a provision off-site (which is connected to the current Isebrook curriculum) is required.

### **1. Student Capacity:**

As you are aware Isebrook recently opened The Franklin Building, this enabled the school to accept more students. To do this we had to apply to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), government department, to increase our numbers to 200 students, so that the school could be funded for the additional places.

This year Isebrook has 206 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 224. This will mean that Isebrook will have 24 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 252, which the leadership team at Isebrook feel is manageable considering the space in specific year groups and aligned to the second area of this letter.

### **2. Off-site provision**

All students at Isebrook have a primary need of cognition and learning (learning difficulty of some degree), however a growing number of students have an additional need of a complex social emotional or mental health difficulty. Due to the specific needs of this population, a more personalised approach to learning is needed that is extremely difficult to be delivered within the current Isebrook site.

With the Local Authority, Isebrook are wishing to develop a connected provision that is delivered in a provision off-site in Kettering, with access to a range of therapeutic interventions to support the delivery of a curriculum to develop the social and emotional skills of the young person. This will add to the current provision at Isebrook, enabling the school to support more students and families, whilst continuing the exceptional offer on-site at Isebrook.

When there is a significant change to a school, there is a legal requirement for schools to consult with 'stakeholders' (anyone attached to the school) who may be affected.

The significant change at Isebrook we are consulting with you for is:



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- Changes to the number of pupils in a special school (increase is for 10% or more; or 20 pupils or more (whichever is the smaller number))
- Expansion onto an additional or satellite site.

**Our consultation process begins 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.**

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 "Isebrook Consultation", or in a sealed envelope marked "Isebrook Consultation" to the Isebrook school office (Isebrook SEN College, Eastleigh Road, Kettering, NN15 6PT). These must be received by no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**I would also like to invite you to a virtual presentation and consultation event about the proposals on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 5.30pm.** This will be a virtual meeting, held via Zoom, and therefore if you would like to take part please email Kevin Latham (klatham@creatingtomorrowmat.co.uk). This will be an opportunity to hear the proposals and to ask questions.

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

The strength of Isebrook means we are confident that there is the vision, skills and resources to serve the best interests of our community and improve the outcomes and opportunities for all our students.

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

Yours Faithfully

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