

Academy Transformation Trust is consulting on the increase of capacity at The Queen Elizabeth Academy in conjunction with the building project expanding the physical capacity of the current site from 600 to 750 pupils. The consultation and subsequent decision making will be completed in line with DfE non-statutory guidance, 'Making significant changes to an academy February 2026'.

The forecast of required places, based on Warwickshire Council's forecast data linked to birth rates and current primary provision numbers, exceeds the current capacity of the current permanent buildings onsite. During the 2025-26 academic year, building work will start and complete at the Queen Elizabeth Academy providing increased space through classrooms and social areas to support current numbers and to provide capacity for future growth in numbers. A basic need has emerged for current and future pupil places and the local authority has approached Academy Transformation Trust as the best place to accommodate this need.

Specific Proposal

The Academy Transformation Trust's Board and The Queen Elizabeth Academy are proposing to increase the capacity of The Queen Elizabeth Academy, from 01 September 2026 from 600 to 750.

Impact of the proposal

The additional permanent teaching space will support both existing and future student numbers. The proposal does not change the age range of the academy, and admissions will continue to operate in accordance with the School Admissions Code and the academy's published admissions arrangements. The Trust and the academy will continue to work with Warwickshire County Council and other local partners to consider any wider implications of the proposed increase, including pupil place planning and the use of the site. It is important to note that the academy has been admitting pupil numbers above PAN for a number of years. To meet this need temporary accommodation has been installed to manage the increased numbers and the proposed building will provide a permanent solution.

Academy Transformation Trust's Board and The Queen Elizabeth Academy have considered a number of key factors in deciding to hold a consultation in regard to the proposal:

- The forecast in growth of secondary age pupils in our catchment over the course of the next decade.
- The outcome of a Warwickshire Local Authority sufficiency survey, which has evidenced the lack of capacity for existing and forecasted student numbers.
- To respond to the increasing number of pupils with SEND by ensuring the academy has suitable accommodation that enables it to meet statutory and educational requirements effectively.

- A learning environment that our staff and pupils deserve, which will enhance pupil outcomes over time.
- A commitment to continue to work with Warwickshire County Council and relevant partners to consider any implications for transport, traffic flow and site access.
- Consultation with Warwickshire School Transport to provide service that meets the increase in capacity of pupils requiring school travel.
- The planned increase in housing development in the locality (1,800 new homes being built).
- The changes will not affect staffing levels as the pupils are being currently educated on-site in temporary accommodation.
- The outcome of formal consultation and subsequent planning approval for the expansion of The Queen Elizabeth Academy due to begin in **April 2026**.

This consultation is being undertaken to seek the views of stakeholders before any final decision is made. All responses received during the consultation period will be carefully considered by Academy Transformation Trust and The Queen Elizabeth Academy, and the outcomes of the consultation will inform the Trust Board's decision making in relation to the proposal.

The consultation period

The consultation period will run from Tuesday 24 March 2026, until Friday 17 April 2026. There will be an opportunity to meet with academy leaders on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 5pm in the school hall at The Queen Elizabeth Academy.

Who is being consulted

The consultation on this proposal is for the attention of the following:

- Parents of children who attend The Queen Elizabeth Academy
- Parents/carers in the area
- Residents/people in the local area with an interest in the proposal
- All other relevant admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Neighbouring local authorities

How to respond

Academy Transformation Trust and The Queen Elizabeth Academy welcome your views on this proposal, and you can engage in the following ways:

Email: consultations@atrust.org.uk with the subject header **TQE Expansion**

In writing: Karen Robson, Academy Transformation Trust, Unit 4, Second Floor, Emmanuel Court, Reddicroft, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6AZ

Next steps

Following the close of the consultation period, the Trust will review the feedback received and determine whether to proceed with the proposal, amend it, or take no further action. Subject to the outcome of the consultation and the Trust Board's decision, the Trust would then proceed in line with the Department for Education's process for making significant changes to an academy.

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Neil Harding
Associate Trust Principal, Academy Transformation Trust