



Statutory Consultation for Burleyfields Primary School

Proposed to open in September 2025

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our Consultation Events to find out more and ask any questions about Burleyfields Primary School.

Venue for the consultation meeting:

Beaconfields Primary School

Stafford ST16 1ZY

Tuesday 24th September 4.00-5.30pm

Monday 14^h October 6.00-7.30pm

Consultation Period

Thursday 19th September to Thursday 31st October

Welcome

The Creative Learning Partnership Trust are delighted to be establishing a primary school in the Burleyfields area of Stafford to serve the community of the new Burleyfields housing developments.

The Creative Learning Partnership Trust creates inclusive schools which make a difference to the lives of children within their communities. Working alongside Staffordshire County Council, we will meet the growing demand for school places in and around the area of Stafford. We have a proven track record in providing places for children at our schools which meet the needs of their communities and provide innovative, high-quality education and exceptional opportunities for all.

The new primary free school will be delivered as a 420-place mainstream, co-educational primary school for Reception to Year 6 age groups, additional early years provision will be opened in a phased approach.

In September 2025 the initial intake will comprise of 30 Reception places and a 26 place Nursery provision. When the need to increase to 2FE has been approved, the 'Published Admission Number' will increase to 60 for the Reception intake and the school will grow in this way.

This statutory consultation gives us the chance to seek the views of prospective families and stakeholders, giving them the opportunity to help shape the school so that it meets the local community's needs.

Thank you for your interest,

Creative Learning Partnership Trust

Burleyfields Primary Free School Team

The Creative Learning Partnership Trust

The Creative Learning Partnership will build on the current success within the ten existing trust schools, drawing on the expertise of their educational leaders to provide a bespoke curriculum which will serve the community of Burleyfields.

Within our schools all stakeholders are encouraged and empowered to take control and make a difference.

There is a strong culture of collaboration where valuing and respecting each other is a given. We have a clear sense of belonging and relish being part of our trust family. Burleyfields Primary School will adopt this ethos and place it at the heart of its school community.

Our Trust plays a significant role within the Stafford community, working alongside many local groups within the area. We are proud of our partnerships.

We recognise that Burleyfields is the creation of a new community within Stafford. We will use knowledge, expertise and partnerships to serve the whole community.

Burleyfields Primary School will ensure that our children:

- are hardworking and have high expectations and aspirations of themselves and each other in all aspects of school life
- are known, understood, valued and cared for as individuals
- are supported and encouraged to build emotional resilience to be happy and confident in what they do
- expect and value integrity where people will be safe to speak up for what they believe and know their voice will be heard
- develop a keen sense of what is right and wrong and seek to tackle injustice wherever we find it
- develop their interests and capabilities in sport, the arts, drama, music and community affairs, so that they become well rounded people and global citizens
- will have opportunities to take responsibility for their own learning and develop independent thought, in order to take on different and challenging roles across our trust.

Burleyfields Primary School will provide an environment that:

- promotes high quality teaching and learning
- provides collaboration, support and challenge
- facilitates high quality professional development so that teaching is excellent
- deliver a curriculum that enables pupils to develop enquiring minds and a thirst for knowledge.

- has an inclusive approach for all
- has high quality school leadership and governance
- ensures strong safeguarding procedures and practice
- ensures that everyone is valued and has a place and a role to play
- provide a hub for learning to be extended to the whole community.

Admission Arrangements for Burleyfields Primary School

The school has a 26 place Nursery and an admission number of 30 for entry into Reception. The school will be a one form entry school moving to two form entry when required. The school will admit this number of pupils to Reception and Nursery in September 2025, if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission numbers for the relevant year group are received, the trust will offer places at the school to all those that have applied.

The school will use Staffordshire Local authority procedures to process all applications and for coordinating offers. When the school is oversubscribed, after those with and Educational Health Care Plan or statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria below, in priority order.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the total number of preferences exceeds the academy's 'Published Admission Number' (PAN), the following order of priority is used to allocate the available places:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order) including those that 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) Children who satisfy both of the following tests:

Test 1: the child is distinguished from the great majority of other applicants either on their own medical grounds or by other exceptional circumstances.

Medical grounds must be supported by a medical report (obtained by the applicant and provided at the point of application). This report must clearly justify, for health reasons only, why it is better for the child's health to attend the Academy rather than any other school.

Exceptional circumstances must relate to the academy and the individual child, i.e. the circumstances of the child, not the economic or social circumstances of the parent/carer. They should be supported by a professional report (obtained by the

applicant and provided at the point of application), e.g. social worker. This report must clearly justify why it is better for the child to attend the Academy rather than any other school.

and

Test 2: the child would suffer hardship if they were unable to attend the Academy.

Hardship means severe suffering of any kind, not merely difficulty or inconvenience, which is likely to be experienced as a result of the child attending a different school. Applicants must provide detailed information about both the type and severity of any likely hardship at the time of application.

- 4) Children who have an elder sibling in attendance at the Academy and who will still be attending the school at the proposed admission date; (For admission purposes, a brother or sister is a child who lives at the same address and either: have one or both natural parents in common; are related by a parents marriage; are adopted or fostered by a common parent or are unrelated children who live at the same address, whose parents live as partners.)
- 5) Children living within the catchment area of the Academy. *Copies of school catchment area maps are available from the local authority or individual schools.* www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissionsprimary/Catchmenthttp://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Catchment-areas.aspxareas.aspx
- 6) Other children arranged in order of priority according to how near their home addresses are to the main gate of the school, determined by a straight-line measurement as calculated by the Local Authority's Geographical Information System.

Where it is not possible to accommodate all children applying for places within a particular category then the Academy will allocate the available places in accordance with the remaining criteria. If for instance, all the catchment area children cannot be accommodated at a school, children who are resident within the catchment area will be arranged in order of priority according to the remaining criteria.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where will Burleyfields Primary and Nursery School be situated?

The school will be situated within the Burleyfields estate in Stafford.

Is this a free school and what is a free school?

Yes. A free school is an independent state funded school. Free schools have the same legal status as academies.

How will the school be funded?

The school will receive the same state funding as all maintained and academy schools in the local authority area. The amount of funding it receives will depend on the number of children that attend the school.

When will Burleyfields Primary School open?

Burleyfields Primary and Nursery school will open with a 26 place Nursery and a 30 place Reception in September 2025.

When will Burleyfields Primary School be inspected by Ofsted?

All new school are inspected by Ofsted prior to them opening. It will then be inspected under the same framework as all other maintained schools and academies.

Will the school be selective?

No. Burleyfields will be an inclusive school and will welcome children of all abilities, faiths and none. Burleyfields will adopt the local authority admission criteria which is transparent and fair.

Is there a Headteacher in place for Burleyfields Primary School?

Yes. The headteacher of Manor Hill First School, Stone, Mrs Jessica Chambers, will be the executive headteacher of Manor Hill First School and Burleyfields Primary School.

Why are you only opening with Nursery and Reception?

Our proposed intake reflects the pre-opening requirements of the Department for Education. To take children from other year groups would mean them moving from their current school.

How will the school be held to account?

Like any other school within The Creative Learning Partnership Trust, the school will be run by a Local Governing Body accountable to the trust. In addition, the school will be accountable to the Department for Education through the terms set out in the funding agreement.

How can I apply for a place?

For Reception 2025 admissions can be made through Staffordshire County Council from November 2023 onwards. Admissions to Nursery can be made through contacting Manor Hill First School on 01785 812418 or Office@burleyfields.academy

If you would like to have a tour of Manor Hill First School or to meet the headteacher please do not hesitate to contact on 01785 812418, alternatively the headteacher can offer a tour of Beaconfields Primary School in Stafford which will provide an insight into what Burleyfields will look like when it is completed.

Questionnaire

We welcome your feedback through the questionnaire as part of the consultation process. Please take your time to fill in the questionnaire and return it by post to: *Burleyfields Primary Consultation, C/O J Chambers, Manor Hill First School, Stone, ST150HY*

Alternatively, an online version can be completed here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/c1QuFVqDbc>

1. Do you support the opening of Burleyfields Primary School in order to meet the demand for school places in the local area?

Yes No Don't Know

Please inform us of your reasons:

2. Do you understand and support Burleyfields Primary School proposed Admissions arrangements?

Yes No Don't know

Please inform us of your reasons

3. Do you agree with the vision for Burleyfields Primary School?

Yes

No

Don't know

4. Do you think that The Creative Learning Partnership Trust should enter into a funding agreement* with the Secretary of State for Education to open Burleyfields Primary School in September 2025?

Yes

No

Don't know

4. Do you have any additional comments?

Your Details

(Please tick the options that apply to you)

I am a parent/carer of a child in primary school provision in 2024

I am a parent/carer of a child due to start primary school in 2025

I am member of staff at a local school or Nursery

Please state which school/Nursery

Local Resident

Member of a local community group

Please state which one

I am a local employer/ employee/ business owner

Please state which one

I would prefer not to say

Thank you for your time

*The model funding agreement can be found online at
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-and-free-school-funding-agreements>