



Two Bridges Academy

Vattingstone Lane, Alveston, South Gloucestershire BS35 3JT

A bridge between needs and successful outcomes
A bridge to sharing expertise
A bridge to achievement and wellbeing

CONSULTATION ON OPENING A NEW SPECIAL SCHOOL



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Welcome

Enable Trust is consulting on its proposal to open Two Bridges Academy, a special educational needs free school. This brand new, net zero carbon, purpose built school is planning to open in September 2024, subject to any statutory approvals required. It will form part of Enable Trust, which is a South Gloucestershire based multi academy trust.

This new special school is being built as South Gloucestershire Local Authority have identified a placement need for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities across the county.

Two Bridges Academy when full, will accommodate 112 pupils aged between 2 – 19 years old, who have severe learning difficulties, profound and multiple learning difficulties, and autism that co-exists with severe learning difficulties. It will provide the highest standards of education, care and opportunity as set out in Enable Trust's vision.

The environment at Two Bridges Academy will be

such that every child and their parents and carers will feel welcome, and one where all children will have a sense of belonging.

As part of the process of opening a new school and in accordance with Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010, Enable Trust is completing a formal consultation exercise, to determine whether we should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department of Education.

We would like to hear from parents/carers and pupils, staff and Governors from local schools, other Local Authorities, Councillors, local residents and any other interested parties to give feedback in relation to our plans for Two Bridges Academy.

Enable Trust is committed to community engagement and the role of a school Trust as a civic structure.

Andrew Buckton – CEO, Enable Trust

Our consultation with the community

For Two Bridges Academy to open, there will need to be a contract between the school and the Department for Education. This is called a Funding Agreement and details the key aspects of Enable Trust's responsibilities, and how Two Bridges Academy will function. This consultation is part of the process and if not carried out adequately, the Funding Agreement will not be signed.

START AND END DATES OF THE CONSULTATION

The six week statutory consultation will start at 9am on Wednesday 6th September until 4pm on Wednesday 18th October 2023. Results of the consultation will be published on the Trust website.

PUBLIC DROP IN EVENTS

Enable Trust is hosting three drop in events and warmly welcomes members of the community, and surrounding areas to share their thoughts regarding the provision and ethos of the school, its impact on the local community, demand for places, and site matters. These meetings will provide an opportunity to meet members of Enable Trust and ask any questions.

These meetings will be held as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
Saturday 16 th September	Marlwood Secondary School Vattingstone Lane, Alveston BS35 3LA	10am - 12pm
Monday 18 th September	The Jubilee Hall, Greenhill Road, Alveston, BS35 3QY	4pm – 6pm
Thursday 21 st September	New Siblands Secondary School Easton Hill Road, Thornbury, BS35 2JU	4pm – 6pm

About Enable Trust

Enable Trust is a specialist school Trust with a vision to deliver the best quality provision for children with a range of complex co-existing special educational needs.

The Trust currently consists of two schools in South Gloucestershire - Culverhill Special School, and New Siblands Special School. Please visit www.enabletrust.org.uk for more details.



Our work and vision is centred on ensuring all pupils receive the best quality of education from highly skilled staff in collaboration with many stakeholders – especially families. Enable Trust is proactive in growing expertise, including across the wider region in order to meet pupils' needs more effectively. We are committed to the development of expert pedagogy for an increasing cohort of learners with complex co-existing needs in our communities, knowledge sharing, outreach support to mainstream schools, and supporting families.

We work in partnership with regional and national Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) organisations, we collaborate with local authorities, education partners and multiple agencies including social care and health providers.

Enable Trust's core aim is to "achieve more together" by "working together passionately to achieve the best outcomes for our SEND children and young people." This means we are an outward facing organisation, committed to building relationships with all stakeholders, including children, families, professionals, the local authority, Regional Department for Education Directors, and the community around the school.

Our strategic intents are:

- To empower and promote the SEND voice across the systems (local, regional and national).
- To attract, develop and share leadership and expertise in SEND.
- To secure the most effective education, health and care plan provision for children and young people from the earliest years through to post-19.
- To seek our funding and growth to increase the availability and impact of sustainable high-quality provision.
- To pioneer excellence in staff, pupil achievement, and well-being.

We have developed our own in-house expert multi-disciplinary team in order to meet children's complex needs more fully through working closely with teachers, classroom staff and families. The team includes a speech and language therapist and occupational therapists, who focus on children's sensory processing needs, and support from our clinical psychologist relating to children's mental health.

Our Vision for Two Bridges Academy

- To provide an outstanding quality of education for children, through a high quality differentiated curriculum and personalised pedagogy, to meet the complex needs of children from early years through to age 19, preparing students for adulthood.
- To run the school with expert staff and to support SEND expertise locally.
- To maximise learning opportunities for all through strong partnerships locally (shared site partners, local schools, local community).
- To augment the school's expertise and opportunities through Enable Trust's outward facing systems work, supporting and growing in expertise through our role in regional and national networks, and developments and pioneering approaches to SEND education

Enable Trust admissions

Admission to Enable Trust Schools is via South Gloucestershire's case advisory panel who can refer pupils at any time during the school year, following a review of a young person's Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). For a child to be admitted to one of our schools, the school must be named by a local authority, in the child's EHCP.

Further information, include the Admission Statement, can be found on Enable Trust website www.enabletrust.org.uk. Any questions about this process should be directed to the Education, Health and Care Plan Team at South Gloucestershire Council by email to 0-25businessSupport@southglos.gov.uk or by telephone on 01454 868008.

Two Bridges Academy site

The new building and site has been designed specifically to meet the needs our pupils and staff, and for community use out of school hours. It will have separate teaching areas for the different phases and additionally contain an array of ancillary teaching, specialist, and administrative rooms plus facilities including a hydrotherapy pool, hall, and well equipped grounds.



Recruitment for Two Bridges Academy

Carrie Osmond has successfully been appointed as Headteacher Designate for Two Bridges Academy and has previous Headteacher special school experience.

Carrie said: "I am delighted to be joining Enable Trust as Head Teacher Designate for Two Bridges Academy. During the pre-opening phase my priorities will be to fill Phase 1 pupil places, to develop a holistic curriculum that will fully meet the needs of every pupil and to ensure that everything is in place ready to welcome the first cohort in September 2024"

Enable Trust will be running a recruitment campaign for roles including teachers, and class support, admin and premises staff in 2024. Please visit the Trust website to find out what opportunities will be available.

Your views matter

We invite you to complete a questionnaire with your feedback in a number of ways:

1. Visit www.enabletrust.org.uk for the online survey
2. Email: office@twobridgesacademy.org.uk for a questionnaire to complete and return either by email, for post to address below.
3. Request a paper copy of the questionnaire form from, and return to:

Two Bridges Academy Consultation
c/o New Siblands School
Gillingstool
Thornbury
Bristol BS35 2JU

4. Collect a paper copy of the questionnaire from one of our public consultation events.

The consultation begins on 6th September 2023 and closes on 18th October 2023

All responses are requested by 4pm on Wednesday 18th October 2023

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