



# GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

## **S10 Statutory Consultation Report Tiffield Academy**

Following a successful application to sponsor a new Free Special School, the Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT) has been approved by West Northamptonshire Council and DfE as sponsor. The Tiffield Academy will be a brand-new Special School, opening in September 2025.

This report summarises the findings of the S10 public consultation in relation to Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT) opening the new Free Special School and entering into a Funding Agreement with the Department for Education.

The statutory consultation ran for a period of six weeks from Monday 7 October 2024 and ended at 5.00pm Monday 25 November 2024.

The process involved the circulation of a letter (see Appendix 1) to a wide range of stakeholders including:

- All local schools and academies
- All special schools within Northamptonshire
- Local community – Tiffield Residents
- Local community groups, including Diocese and Parish Council
- Local multi-faith centre
- Local Authority and all surrounding Local Authorities

The letter included a link to a Microsoft Form for stakeholders to respond as well as a QR code inviting them to respond to the consultation.

All information was published on The Greenwood Academies Trust website and a link to the information was provided in the letter.

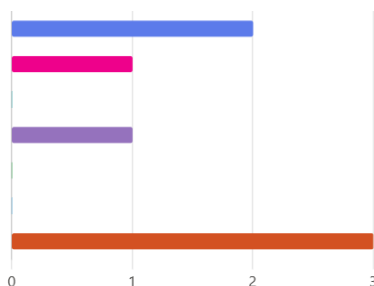
### Results

We received a total of 7 responses to the consultation.

Below gives an overview of respondents.

## 6. Tell us a bit about who you are

● Parent	2
● Local Resident	1
● Local Business	0
● Part of a local school	1
● Local Community	0
● Local Authority	0
● Other	3



A summary of the responses to the questions can be found below:

	Yes	No
Admissions: The new Academy will admit students where Tiffield Academy is named in their Education Health and Care Plan. The Statement of Provision relating to admissions is in accordance with the DfE Statutory Guidance which can be found here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-school-pre-opening-guide/free-schools-pre-opening-guide">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-school-pre-opening-guide/free-schools-pre-opening-guide</a> . The Academy's Statement of Provision can be found here: <a href="http://www.greenwoodacademies.org/tiffieldacademy">www.greenwoodacademies.org/tiffieldacademy</a>  Do you support this?	6	1
Term Dates: The Tiffield Academy will align its term dates with Northamptonshire's school term dates.  Do you support this?	6	1
West Northamptonshire Council have provided the site in Tiffield NN12 8AA. Do you support the location of the academy?	6	1
Following the appropriate statutory guidance for recruitment, GAT will appoint suitability qualified and experienced teaching and support staff, and wherever possible from the local area.  Do you support this?	6	1
In order to allow the Tiffield Academy to open as a Free School in September 2025, the Greenwood Academies Trust must enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education.  Do you support this?	6	1

There was an opportunity for respondents to provide any additional feedback. The following comments were received:

*“An amazing news that we will have access to a new special school”*

*“Best wishes, the site on the website looks like it's going to be an amazing building and excellent provision”*

*“We welcome this extra capacity”*

*“Awaiting job vacancies for senior leadership roles”*

*“Tiffield Parish Council fully support the development of this school and look forward to what it will bring to our village. However, we have previously expressed (and continue to hold) severe reservations in respect of the access to and from the site for all users.*

*At the Strategic Planning Committee where this application was agreed, a number of local councils and residents voiced their concerns regarding the increase of traffic crossing the A43 junction to enter St Johns Road and thereby the new school”*

The Tiffield Parish Council have been very open about their concerns with the traffic on the A43. As part of the planning decision, prior to occupation vehicular visibility splays and traffic calming features shall be constructed. There is also a travel plan under development. Also, within 12 months of the first occupation of the development a Road Safety Risk Assessment Review of the St. Johns Road and the A43 junction shall be carried out and submitted to Local Planning Authority for review in consultation with the relevant Highway Authority's.

#### Next Steps

A copy of this report will be published on the Tiffield Academy website as well as the Greenwood Academies Trust website for responders to review.

#### Conclusion

86% of the respondents are in favour of the new Special School and agree with Greenwood Academies Trust entering into a Funding Agreement with the Department for Education.

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## Appendix 1 Consultation Letter



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Dear Stakeholder

### Opening of new special school in Tiffield for pupils aged 4-19

Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT) is pleased to confirm that it has been approved by West Northamptonshire Council and the Department for Education (DfE) as the sponsor for a brand-new special school. The school is planned to open in September 2025, for children aged four to 19, who are on the autistic spectrum and / or have severe learning difficulties.

The new school will accommodate 230 children and will be based on St John's Road, Tiffield NN12 8AA. It is being built using modern methods of construction by Willmott Dixon. The ground works and construction are already well underway to build a school which will deliver much needed specialist facilities.

The new school will be named Tiffield Academy and is due to open its doors from September 2025. It will initially open with 142 places and then build to its full capacity of 230. All places will be allocated by West Northamptonshire Council.

Greenwood Academies Trust is comprised of 37 other academies looking after over 19,000 pupils. The Trust is excited about working to develop the Tiffield Academy as an excellent provider of education for young people but also an important hub within the Tiffield area.

Academies are state-funded schools, they are independent from Local Authorities but are accountable to the Government, which provides free education in the local community. Funding to run the academy is on the same basis as other schools and comes directly from the Government. In order for a new academy to open, Greenwood Academies Trust must enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education, but we have to consult stakeholders on this and gain their agreement.

We would therefore like to invite you to show your support for this exciting new project. The consultation begins on **Monday 7 October 2024 and ends at 5.00pm Monday 25 November 2024**.

Please can you contribute to the consultation by completing the form, before the deadline set out above, which can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/7paczFey5y> or alternatively scan the QR code below:

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For more information, please visit [www.greenwoodacademies.org/tiffieldacademy/](http://www.greenwoodacademies.org/tiffieldacademy/)

The outcome of the consultation will also be published on the Greenwood Academies Trust website.

We are very excited about the opening this new special school as it will provide much needed specialist places for children and young people across Northampton and surrounding area. As part of this, we really welcome your support.

Yours faithfully

Wayne Norrie  
Chief Executive

For further information about the Academy and The Trust please visit:  
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