

Section 10 Consultation Document

Introduction

As part of the process of opening the new academy, Aletheia Academies Trust is legally required to hold a consultation exercise (under section 10 of the Academies Act 2010) to determine whether the Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department for Education to run the new academy.

This consultation will be run online and will allow parents/carers and pupils, staff and governors from local schools, other Local Authorities, Councillors, local residents and any other interested parties to learn more about Alkerden C of E Academy and Aletheia Academies Trust, and share their views.

About the New School

Location



Planning permission has been granted and the new school is being built on land at Ebbsfleet Garden City. It will occupy a 11.1 hectare site with an eight-form-entry secondary school and two-form entry primary school, nursery, an all-through Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP), community sports centre and sports pitches, play areas and car and cycle parking.

When it opens in September 2025 the temporary school will have the capacity for 150 year 7 pupils.



When the site is completed for September 2026, the intake will be 180 year 7, 30 year R and 30 year 1. Full capacity will be 240 Year 7 and 60 year R.

[Alkerden Development Plan](#)

Vision and Values of Alkerden C of E Academy

Alkerden Academy is a school with a Church Foundation. Whilst you do not have to attend church to be a part of our school community, it reflects our school's partnership with the Church of England community.

Alkerden Academy is committed to the principle of inclusion. Our mission is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, meeting all statutory requirements and enshrining our vision of opportunity and achievement within a positive and welcoming learning environment.



Our Vision

Each Day Provides Opportunity for Positive Change

At Alkerden C of E All-through Academy, we are ready to serve our community and to work with our young people to enable them to enjoy life in all its fullness. The establishment of Alkerden Academy is underpinned by the Christian ethos of inclusion and hope; this extends to those of all faiths and none. We seek to discover universal truths which unite us all, cause us to celebrate change and diversity, and honour the uniqueness of each person. Alkerden is more than its facilities, lessons, and qualifications; it is a place of safety and growth that instils hope in the lives of the young people, the staff, and the wider local community. Much like Ebbsfleet Garden City, Alkerden Academy is a new and exciting place where each day, each lesson, and each experience should be an event of special significance. This thinking grows from the idea of 'Kairos', which means 'a moment of opportunity'.

Our Values

-  **Community**
-  **Hope**
-  **Respect**
-  **Innovation**
-  **Stewardship**
-  **Trust**

Policies including Admissions

The admission policy, detailing how people can apply, how places will be allocated in the event of oversubscription, and how people can appeal against any decisions can be found below and on our website.

In line with the School Admissions Code, children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) that name Alkerden Church of England Academy will be admitted. As a result of this, the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly before places are allocated to other pupils. An Education, Health and Care plan is a plan made by the Local Authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education provision required for that child.

The Trust held information mornings at Castle Hill Community Centre in Castle Hill on the 17th and 24th of September and the 15th October 2024 and an information evening on the 9th October 2024 at Saint George's School, Gravesend.

The following changes have been made, in agreement with KCC, to the Admissions Policy that was originally consulted from 18th December 2023 to 31st January 2024.

The PAN has increased from 120 to 150





Additional criteria added:

4. ***Children resident in Alkerden, Castle Hill, Ashmere and Ebbsfleet Green, who have a Post Code starting with DA10 1, followed by any two letters, e.g. DA10 1ZZ.***

5. ***Children with a medical, health, social and special access reasons to attend Alkerden CofE Academy, in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend Alkerden CE Academy. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', physical or mental health or social need means there is a demonstrable and significant need for their child to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.***

Please see the below link to the full admissions policy

<https://www.alkerdenacademy.co.uk/admissions>

Our school policies are being developed but you can see examples of our policies through the Aletheia Academies Trust website.




[Aletheia Academies Trust Policies](#)

Have Your Say

We would like to hear from the community in the coming weeks to help inform the Secretary of State for Education's decision on whether to enter into a funding agreement with Aletheia Academies Trust.

We want to listen to your comments and act on any feedback to ensure Alkerden C of E Academy is the best it can be and meets the needs of the community we serve.

You can give us feedback in a number of ways:

-  visit our website at www.alkerdenacademy.co.uk and complete the online consultation questionnaire, or
-  return by email to office@alkerdenacademy.co.uk , or
-  by post to:

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We will record all views that are shared with us during the formal consultation window which runs between 4th November 2024 and the 13th December 2024.

This consultation is an important step in our journey towards opening in September 2025 and we are looking forward to listening to your views in order to provide you with the best school possible.

**Please note this consultation is not related to any building or planning applications surrounding the new school; it is solely to consult on whether appropriate persons support the Trust to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education to run Alkerden C of E Academy.*

