

Welcome to our information and consultation launch meeting for Poplar Farm School

2nd October 2017



Introductions

- Jenny Wheeldon Principal Designate Poplar Farm
- Peter Bell - CEO of Community Inclusive Trust (C.I.T.)
- Adrian Finn - C.I.T. Chief Operating Officer
- Louise Perkins - C.I.T. Project Manager
- Paul Hill - Head Teacher of Isaac Newton & Caythorpe Primary Schools
- Jacki Bartram - C.I.T. Communications & Fundraising Manager
- Representatives from the LA and building contractors, also present.



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Consultation

Today we begin a full 6 week public consultation which will end on 13th November 2017.

We are consulting on the following:

- Site plans including building work
- Access and transport plans
- How the school will impact on the local community
- The demand for the school
- The approach on admissions
- The vision and ethos

Those invited to consult today include:

- Potential parents and pupils
- Relevant local authorities
- Local politicians
- Local schools
- Neighbours
- Local community groups

This consultation open meeting has been fully advertised.



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The Build

Poplar Farm Primary School is being built on the Newton's Place housing development, off Barrowby Road, Grantham.

The School will open its doors to Reception children in September 2018.

The build is now at the two storey steel stage, with concrete pours completed.

The playfield is levelled and seeded.

We are on track for being water tight by Christmas and are on schedule to open in September 2018.



Poplar Farm Facilities

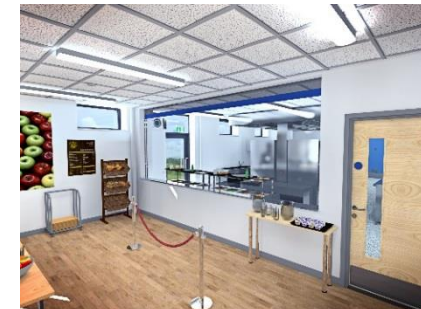
The school will be a brand new, state of the art, two story structure and will come complete with playing fields, multi use sport courts, and outdoor learning areas, which will promote outstanding all round provision.

The school is being built with modern learning in mind and designed to let in as much natural light as possible.

The large indoor sports hall has a double height ceiling for a range of indoor sporting activities, as well as promoting theatre and the arts. There will also be an on site nature area, complete with a pond for science learning, and an amphitheatre for outdoor performances and lessons.

In addition to all the exciting facilities, we intend to offer extra curricular clubs (fees may apply). We also intend to provide a breakfast club, lunchtime clubs and after school clubs.

An onsite kitchen will provide nutritious, healthy, hot school meals for all pupils.



Access and transport plans

- Extra pedestrian routes are being created across the housing development which will enable easy access to the school.
- We will be actively encouraging parents and children to walk/cycle/scooter to school, promoting the ethos of healthy living.
- However, for those where driving is essential, a drive through drop off zone is available.



Local Community

We believe the school will have a positive impact on the local community through:

- Uniting this new community with the use of the school facilities for community groups, sports, the arts and local events.
- Shaping and determining children's futures using community strengths (including local businesses) to enhance learning and experiences.
- Engaging with local groups that will broaden the horizons of young children in the education system.



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The demand for the school

What we know...

- The Local Councils calculations has highlighted Grantham as a significant growth area with up to 800 new homes being built more to follow.
- This number of homes has a prerequisite that the contractor build a new school within the housing development (section 106 school).
- There will be a demand for school places which will increase over the next 5 years.
- Existing schools cannot cope with the extra school places needed.
- It seems logical therefore for a new school to unite the community, to be built on the development.



Curriculum

Poplar Farm School will develop and implement an exciting and varied curriculum, which meets the needs of the 21st century learner.

We will ensure every child has a zest for learning. We will seek, through rigorous and continuous assessment, to continually review pupil's needs, thereby facilitating every learner to be on a pathway to success, enabling every child to reach their full potential.

We will recognise individual strengths and areas for development of each learner and ensure that there is a curriculum which enthuses and unites the community.

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage will follow the areas of learning as set out by the Department for Education:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

We will also support children in four specific areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied. The specific areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Children will also be taught about Citizenship, British Values and activities that are Character Building .



C.I.T. Academies has its own Forest School and Poplar Farm pupils will use this outstanding facility on a regular basis.



Curriculum continued...

As the children move through the key stages, the curriculum will continually adapt to meet their needs and aspirations.

The curriculum will consist of the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computing
- Art and Design
- Design Technology (DT)
- History
- Geography
- Physical Education
- Music
- Languages
- RE



Admissions

Admissions will be completed by the Local Authority (LA) for September 2018.

Parents can apply for a place from November 2017 via the LA School Admissions process.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions>

The first intake will be for 60 reception class pupils, so that the school will be to full capacity beginning September 2026.

However, we are attentive of the importance of interaction with older children. With this in mind, Poplar Farm pupils will be given opportunities for interaction with other primary schools both within the Trust and in the local area.

We are working with the Department of Education to ensure that the LA will be in a position to offer spaces on national offer day (16th April 2018).

The closing date for applications is 15/01/2018.



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Vision & Values

The purpose of Poplar Farm School will be to put learners at the centre of everything that we do.

Poplar Farm Primary School is part of the Community Inclusive Trust (C.I.T.) Through the outstanding experiences that are on offer across the different settings within C.I.T. we aim to provide all our pupils with opportunities which will be their passport to success:

- A curriculum which will develop a love of life-long learning.
- Access to outstanding facilities and staff who will deliver an engaging, educationally relevant, and fun school day.
- There will be 'Family Learning Together' days where successes are celebrated.
- Visits to a wide range of outdoor settings such as our Forest School to learn in an outdoor setting.
- Residential visits and experiences designed to foster resilience and life skills.



C.I.T. Academies – about the Trust

The Community Inclusive Trust (C.I.T. Academies) is a multi-academy chain that challenges and supports its academies to provide the highest levels of education and care for their pupils. C.I.T. work together through the sharing of staff, expertise, pooling of resources, and the development of each other's strengths so that all employees and pupils have the chance to reach their full potential.

PURPOSE

To put learners first and prepare them for their future.

VALUES

All members of C.I.T. are accountable for the following values:

TRUST – We underpin all relationships with trust.

RESPECT – We celebrate all individuals, organisations and cultures.

OUTSTANDING PROVISION – We develop excellence in learning that is at the heart of the community.

PERSONALISED LEARNING – We will nurture and inspire everyone.



STRATEGIC VISION

To create a first class infrastructure that influences education and enables outstanding lifelong learning.



Governors

Poplar Farm School will have a Local Governing Body (LGB), the structure of which will be determined by The Department for Education.

The role of the LGB, in partnership with the Trust Board, will be to provide strategic leadership and accountability in the school. If you would like to find out more please, contact myself or visit

<http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>

If you are interested in getting involved in this exciting new community venture please visit our website www.poplarfarm.eschools.co.uk or click on the link below:

https://poplarfarm.eschools.co.uk/website/become_a_governor/306016

Please submit your application before 9th October 2017.



Do you think the Secretary of State should sign the funding agreement which will enable this school to open?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-and-free-school-funding-agreements-multi-academy-trust>



How to respond to this consultation between Oct 2nd to Nov 13th

- Ask us questions today
- Complete the comment slip on your chair today
- Visit the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-and-free-school-fundingagreements-multi-academy-trust>

- Visit our website: <https://poplarfarm.eschools.co.uk>
- Telephone us on 01476 515321
- Write to us at:

C.I.T. Academies, Autumn Park, Dysart Road, Grantham, NG31 7EU

- You can respond using the contact form on our website, please write your comments in the message box, writing YES or NO in the subject box:

<https://poplarfarm.eschools.co.uk/website/contact/283261>

- Notes from the meetings & FAQs will be on the website



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Any questions or representations?



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