



GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

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Dear all,

I write to share our exciting plans for the development of Nottingham Academy.

It has been clear for some time that, due to the demographics in the city, the numbers of children that need educating in Nottingham Academy's primary phase have been reducing. This shift over time has presented us with a unique opportunity to make some physical and technical changes to the Academy which we believe will result in us being able to enhance the quality of education experience for all our children.

Our Vision: Two Distinct Campuses, Two Academies

We are proposing a two-part plan:

Campus Reconfiguration:

By September 2026, we aim to create dedicated campuses for each phase-primary and secondary. This change will address feedback from parents and colleagues working at the academy about the challenges of our current split-site arrangement and busy drop-off times that primary families in particular can find difficult.

We intend that all primary pupils will be based at the campus on Sneinton Boulevard and all secondary pupils at the campus on Greenwood Road. We will need a name for each campus and we are using the 'working titles' of Jesse Boot for the primary campus and Colwick Woods for the secondary campus. We hope you will also get used to using these names.

This would require significant work including some remodelling of both sites, the building of new classrooms and the creation of new outdoor learning and play spaces. To make this happen the trust will need to invest a considerable sum of money into both buildings. There is a long-term financial plan for covering this which includes the sale of the building where our central team are based and relocation of staff to spare office space at the nearby Wells Academy site.

Formal Separation (De-amalgamation):

Nottingham Academy is currently designated as an 'all-through' school by the Department for Education (DfE), serving pupils from nursery to sixth form. However, with fewer primary pupils staying through to secondary, the 'all-through' model no longer reflects our reality. We propose formally separating into two separate academies—a primary and a secondary—while maintaining a close 'feeder school' relationship. This change will streamline leadership and operations, without affecting pupils or families.

'Every Child, Every Academy, Every Day'

After Christmas we will host meetings for parents, colleagues and stakeholders where we will share more about our plans and consult with you all.

Please note, if the DfE does not approve the separation, we will continue to operate as a single academy across two sites, as we do now.

Your Voice Matters

We believe that locating each phase on its own campus and, ultimately, creating two separate schools will enable us to provide an even better offer for our children and we know from a lot of feedback that this is something that many of you will be hugely supportive of, although we are of course keen to hear from those with reservations.

If we are successful in achieving the de-amalgamation, we look forward to working with you to confirm names for the two academies. As a lifelong resident of Nottingham, born and educated in Bulwell, I know how respected Jesse Boot Primary School was in the city and I would personally love us to create a new Jesse Boot Primary Academy (we still have the old school gates which could be incorporated into new signage) and re-establish links with Boots, whose founder the school was named after. However, I recognise that may not be the option that the majority of you prefer!

Please do engage in the variety of consultation and feedback opportunities that will be offered over the coming months. Your feedback is extremely important to us.

Best wishes,



Wayne Norrie MBE
Chief Executive Officer
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