



Help us build a better future

Help us build a better future for children and young people with neurodiverse profiles, such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder and associated social, emotional and mental health needs.



Helping children with SEND to realise their full potential

The Flagship School Trust has been set up to develop a new state funded free school academy in Hastings. This special school will cater for children who have the capacity to reach age related expectations, yet whose neurodiverse profiles, along with additional social, emotional and mental health needs create significant barriers to learning. The need for this school has already been acknowledged by local parents/carers, the Local Authority, the Department for Education and Hastings Borough Council.

The school will open in September 2021, initially for 24 pupils in year groups 5,6,7 and 8; for 9-13 year olds. By 2024, the school will have capacity for 72 pupils aged 7-16 years.

The Flagship School will be a brand new purpose-built building on the site of the former Helenswood Upper School, on the Ridge. A separate consultation will be carried out on the design of our future school campus, details of which will be available on our website.

Our vision

The aim of the school is to enable all pupils who are placed at the school to make excellent progress; emotionally, socially and academically so that they can attain greater levels of independence and reach their potential.

Central to the school's vision is the delivery of an integrated approach to addressing pupils' learning needs. Teachers, school-based therapists and other support staff will work together so that every aspect of the school day provides opportunities for pupils to make progress; academically, socially and emotionally.

A high quality, exciting and integrated curriculum will be designed to meet the specific learning styles and interests of pupils. The core subjects; maths, English, science and computing will be taught in discrete subject-specific lessons. At key stages 2 and 3, other foundation subjects will be taught through a project based, cross-curriculum approach to enable pupils to access the curriculum in an exciting and integrated way. At key stage 4, pupils will be supported to take GCSEs or equivalent courses in English, maths and science alongside 2 other accredited courses. This will enable pupils to study core subjects in depth, and to take part in a rich life skills programme to support them to develop essential social, emotional, communication and relationship skills, and to engage with their wider community.



How will children be placed at the school?

Children will be placed at the school by East Sussex County Council's Assessment and Planning team in accordance with the Education, Health and Care plans placement process.

What are we asking of you?

As part of the pre-opening work to open a free school, The Flagship School Trust is required to carry out a consultation exercise to determine whether we should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department for Education for the school.

We are very keen that we consult with as many people as possible who may be impacted by our school; local mainstream schools, parents and carers, local residents, local community organisations, local religious groups and more.

We will work hard to ensure that our school provides a safe, nurturing and kind community for our pupils, their parents and carers. We will achieve this by focusing on developing strong relationships between our staff and our children; our school staff and parents and carers and with our local community. We want our school to be a central hub for our local community. We are therefore very keen to hear your views; as parents and carers, as schools, as local community organisations and as local residents, about our plans to open our school.



Complete our survey

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could complete a short survey online which asks you some key questions about our school, by **Sunday 29th November**. You can find it at:

www.theflagshipschool.org.uk/survey

Alternatively, if you do not have access to a computer, please complete the survey on the back of this leaflet.

Join an online event

We will also be hosting a number of online events where you can meet Flagship School Trustees and find out more about us. Events will take place virtually as a Zoom meeting on the following dates:

Wednesday 28th October at 2pm

Saturday 7th November at 10am

Tuesday 10th November at 8pm

If you would like to attend these online events, please email office@theflagshipschool.org.uk to register your interest and we will send you details of how to join.

Please note, as these dates may change, please check our website 'News and events' page for the latest information:

www.theflagshipschool.org.uk

Have your say!

Please complete the survey below and send it to: **Helen Kay, 2nd Floor Ocean House, 87-89 London Rd, St Leonards-On-Sea, East Sussex, TN37 6LW.** The closing date to receive all surveys is **Sunday 29th November 2020.**

1) Which group do you represent. Tick all the categories that apply:

- a. Prospective parent or carer
 - b. Neighbour to the site
 - c. Local resident
 - d. Councillor
 - e. Local governor
 - f. Local organisation
 - g. Other (please state)
- _____
- _____

2) Do you support the proposal to open The Flagship School?

- a. Yes b. No

3) Do you support the vision and ethos for the school?

- a. Yes b. No

4) Do you think The Flagship School Trust should enter into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education to open? (example of a standard funding agreement can be found here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-and-free-school-funding-agreements-single-academy-trust)

- a. Yes b. No

5) Let us know if you have any additional comments below:

The results of this consultation will be available at www.theflagshipschool.org.uk in 2021.

If you would like a response to any questions raised in the comments section of this survey, please provide your name and email address or telephone number below (optional):

Full name:

Email:

Telephone:

Data protection consent

The Flagship School Trust takes your privacy seriously and will only use data submitted as part of the Section 10 Consultation for The Flagship School. Any data submitted will be shared anonymously with the Department for Education as evidence of the consultation.

If you would like a response to any comments provided in the survey or to be updated on the progress of The Flagship School, please tick the boxes below to provide consent.

Data submitted from the survey

- I agree that The Flagship School Trust can use my personal information to respond to any feedback provided in this survey.
- I agree that The Flagship School Trust can use my personal information to contact me with progress of The Flagship School.