Cranmer Education Trust

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Consultation Notice

1. **The Cranmer Education Trust is proposing to open 3 Inclusion bases** at:

   - The Blue Coat School, Oldham
   - St Anne's CE Academy, Rochdale
   - Brian Clarke, CE Academy Oldham

   These bases will provide 5 places per year in each school for pupils aged 11-16 who have Education Health and Care Plans where the primary need is:

   - Moderate Learning Difficulties with Speech, Language and Communication needs (Blue Coat)
   - Communication and Interaction: Autistic Spectrum Condition, Speech Language and Communication needs (St Anne's and Brian Clarke)

   Young people will receive a place in the base following consultation with parents/carers, the Local Authority and the host school. The base will then be named in the pupil's EHCP. The principle is that the bases will provide targeted and specialist support for pupils for 20% of their time in school. This will be linked to Section F of the child's EHCP which outlines the specific special educational provision required. The base will also provide a bespoke life skills curriculum specially designed for young people with communication and interaction needs or moderate learning difficulties, and additional pre-teaching of foundational skills and vocabulary in reading, writing and maths to ensure that young people can be integrated fully in mainstream lessons for 80% of their time, following the same curriculum and taking part in the same opportunities as their peers and with the same pastoral care. At some points pupils may need slightly more or less time in the Inclusion base, but overall, the purpose of the base is to support integration in the full life and learning of the school community.

   To enable young people to benefit fully, they must be able to access the secondary curriculum, supported by inclusive adapted teaching, and must therefore be at least at Age Related Expectations for the end of year 4 on transition to secondary, with a reading score of 80 or above in SATs.

   The Inclusion bases will be part of the main school building. Their development is now underway, funded by grants from the Local Authorities' High Needs Capital Fund and The Cranmer Education Trust.

2. The Cranmer Education Trust is also consulting on a proposal agreed with Rochdale MBC **to increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) at St Anne's CE Academy Middleton** from 180 pupils per year **to 210 from September 2027**. The reason is that the number of pupils in the Middleton area going into secondary has risen and therefore additional school places are needed.

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The school's admission policy was consulted on last year; it will be amended to reflect the new admission number.

The funding provided by Rochdale MBC enables us to create a new state-of-the-art science block for our increasing number of pupils, whose success in science is steadily improving, opening up opportunities for both academic and technical/vocational qualifications and employment. We will also be able to fully update and refurbish the older part of school (from the original Queen Elizabeth building) to create a clear faculty organization, where the teaching for subjects is grouped together, resources can be shared and the quality of learning assured.

The consultation period starts on Monday 14th September and closes on Friday 2nd October at 3.00pm.

Comments and representations are invited from members of the community.

Please send your comments/representations to:

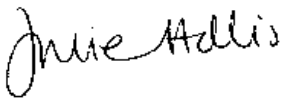
Via email: info@cranmeredt.org

Via post: Trust Executive Assistant, Cranmer Education Trust, c/o The Blue Coat School, Egerton Street, Oldham, OL1 3SQ

Please indicate which aspect of the consultation you are responding to.

Anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

Yours sincerely



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