



# Wellington Place Consultation



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO:

Discovery Schools Trust is proposing to open a brand-new 210 place 4-11yrs primary school in Market Harborough in September 2024 working in partnership with Leicestershire County Council. The new school will be situated on the Wellington Place housing development to the north-west of Market Harborough and will take the name of the development: Wellington Place Primary School. It will be built as a one form entry primary school to help meet the demands for places but has the appropriate planning to expand to a two-form entry primary school, should the local area require a bigger school once the houses are sold.

Since the Department of Education approved our Free School application, we have been working hard with Leicestershire County Council, who are building the new school, to ensure that everything is in place for a proposed September 2024 opening date. As part of the pre-opening programme, we are required to undertake a public consultation, this pack forms part of that process.

As part of the consultation, we will be holding specific events for you to ask questions and share your views. These events will take place at another of the Trust Primary Schools: Farndon Fields Community Primary School, Argyle Park (LE16 7JP) on:

- **Wednesday 22nd November 2023 – 6.30pm to 8.00pm**
- **Saturday 16th December 2023 – 9.30am to 11.00am**

We shall also be holding an online Teams session on Thursday 30th November 2023 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

To attend one of the face to face sessions or the online session – please book a place using [this link](#) OR by scanning the QE code below.



We look forward to listening to your views so that we can work together in providing a local community with the best school possible. We would like to thank you for your involvement in our consultation and look forward to serving you in the future.

**Paul Stone**  
CEO and Discovery Trust Leader



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## WHO ARE WE:

Discovery Trust is an established and successful multi academy trust of thirteen primary schools and two special schools based in Leicestershire, Leicester City, and Rutland.

All Discovery schools have been judged by Ofsted as good or better. Our founding school, Kibworth Church of England Primary received this year, 2023, an excellent grade under the new SIAMs inspection framework.

Millgate School and Keyham Lodge School, both Special Needs schools, joined the Trust in September 21, educating children aged 7-16 and 9-16, respectively. Both schools' most recent Ofsted ratings were Outstanding. Recent internal data and QA visits also suggest the schools are continuing in their outstanding nature.

Five of our schools are Microsoft Showcase schools and the Trust itself is a Microsoft System Showcase MAT, one of only three across the country. All schools hope to achieve the Showcase School status next year, and we hope Wellington Place will be one of them.

We believe every child has the right to access outstanding education opportunities and facilities and Wellington Place will provide high quality learning and an innovative 'Global' curriculum. Technology will be used creatively as a tool across the curriculum to support teaching and accelerate learning.

You can learn more about Discovery Schools Trust [here](#).

## THE SITE:

Wellington Place Primary will open in September 2024 initially with a reception class (Early Years Foundation Stage) of 30 children dependent on local catchment requirements. Details of the catchment area can be found below in the 'Admissions Process' section. School facilities will have many carbon-neutral features including air source heat pumps and PV panels: to maximise on solar efficiencies. It will also benefit from a one-way traffic system to ensure traffic flow is managed as safely as possible which will be complimented by a school travel plan.



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## OUR VISION:

Discovery Trust aspires to achieve excellence in all areas of our work. The children and families we work with have confidence in teachers and leaders of the Trust who act with integrity and demonstrate respect for individual needs. Along with the new school's own vision and values, we would very much want Wellington Place to embrace the Trust's values and pledges, working in partnership with all our stakeholders.

We commit to supporting the following groups of stakeholders as follows:

**Pupils** - Giving them the best learning opportunities and support to realise their full potential.

**Parents/carers** - Support their children in all areas of their development and empower them to see their full potential.

**Colleagues** - We will support, develop, and encourage colleagues to realise their full potential, we also support all colleagues to improve outcomes for pupils in all schools.

## OUR APPROACH

To provide outstanding educational opportunities for pupils, we pay particular importance on building strong collaborations. Within our existing multi academy trust group, we promote and adopt a culture of sharing best practice and expertise: our goal is to provide a world class education ensuring all children have "Limitless Learning" opportunities where children and adults be the best they can be.

We are fortunate to already have an established cluster of exceptional heads working together in the Market Harborough area: including Headteachers from Farndon Fields, Kibworth CE Primary, Leighfield Primary, and Parkland Primary schools. Wellington Place Primary School will benefit from this cluster who will provide support, guidance and resources where needed.

**Our key education plan priorities for Wellington Place Primary School will be based on the following key areas:**

-To secure a highly effective leadership team, focused on putting into place the necessary resources to support an outstanding primary school setting.

-To ensure an effective staffing structure, enabling the leadership team to focus on the core task of teaching and learning.

-To ensure the school communication infrastructure is aligned with the Trust expectations so communication is effective, and the school runs efficiently.



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-To secure a clear understanding of the Trust Teaching and Learning Framework, to ensure teachers, understand the principles of good teaching.

-To ensure the new school's curriculum is broad and balanced whilst ambitious and contextualised to meet the needs of a 21st Century learner.

-To ensure resources are in place to implement a 21st Century learning environment – classroom design, tools for children, teachers and support colleagues.

-To establish relationships with the local community ensuring they are fully engaged with the new school and understand the schools' vision and ethos.

Discovery's curriculum of 'Global Discovery', is an aligned curriculum that all schools across the organisation make use of to ensure they deliver a broad and balanced curriculum rooted in the Trust vision for each child. This detailed and comprehensive set of resources gives teachers the foundations for planning their curriculum lessons, ensuring learning is well matched to the year group, is progressive and provides ample opportunities for making links and retrieving prior learning. We have worked hard to ensure the curriculum is representative of a wide range of cultures and is diverse in the range of people presented from the past and present.

Wellington Place Primary School will have access to resources which teachers can adapt to the schools' context. With the Trust primary curriculum being established, tried, and tested, we are confident that not only will it add capacity to Wellington Place Primary School, enabling teachers to focus on its delivery, but also the curriculum is rooted in effective pedagogical practice, enabling children to revisit learning, respond to feedback, plan next steps, and engage in self-regulation. We will be excited to see how the curriculum will be adapted in terms of content, and already know the position of the new school will lend itself greatly to outdoor learning and nature along with a rich historical background from the local area.

## CATCHMENT AREA.

A school's catchment area is only used to determine the order in which places are allocated if the school is over-subscribed, with children in the catchment being given higher priority. Parents can choose to send their child to any school that has places available whether or not they live in the catchment area.

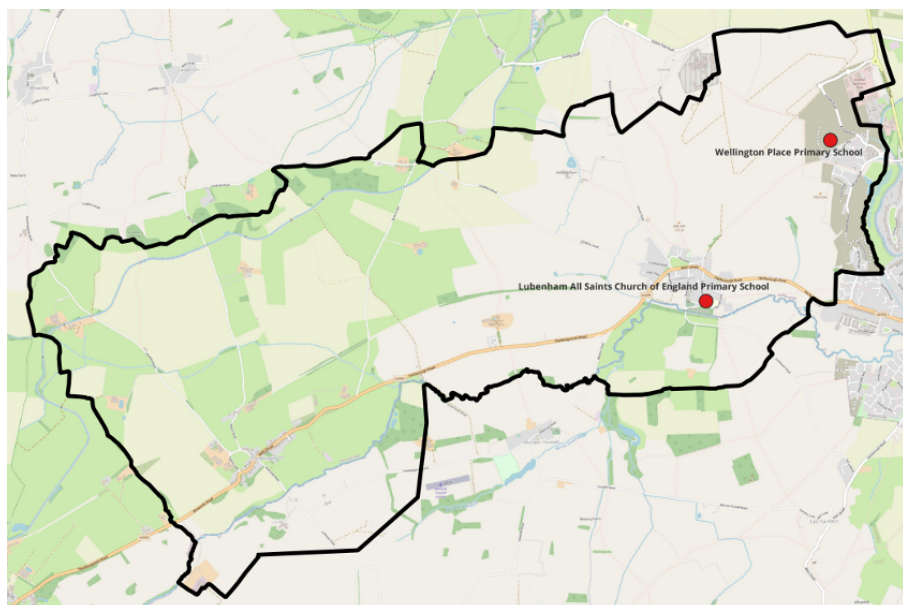
The new school is being built on the Wellington Place development within the existing Lubenham All Saints Church of England Primary school catchment area. This will mean Wellington Place Primary will share Lubenham All Saints Church of England Primary school catchment providing parents in this area with a choice of school. Wellington Place is the nearest school to the new homes and will have the capacity to accommodate children and families moving into the Wellington Place area.



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Details of the catchment area can be seen in the map image below-



## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Our inclusive admission process will, always, be open, transparent, and fair and will meet the requirements of the Schools Admissions Code, the Appeal Code and Admissions legislation.

For the intake year 2024/2025, Wellington Place plans to open in reception only, in line with the standard for new school openings. It has an admission number of 30 for entry into the reception year. The school will then admit this number each subsequent year until all year groups are full. However, Discovery Schools Trust have undertaken financial planning to ensure that the school can open successfully to a range of year groups from the first year, if required by the growth of the housing developments around the school. The Trust is in dialogue with the Local Authority to open admissions to further year groups if deemed necessary. If you have a child who you would like to attend Wellington Place Primary School, but who is not in reception year, please contact the Admissions Team at [Leicestershire County Council](#).

To apply for a place at Wellington Place Primary School, an application must be submitted to [Leicestershire County Council](#), naming Wellington Place on the admissions form. First Time Admission applications must be submitted by 15th January 2024. Offers will then be made by the local authority admissions team on 16th April 2024 in line with the National Offer Day.

Details of our Admissions policy can be located on Wellington Place School website which will be available shortly.

More information about the School Admissions Code can be found on the Government website.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2)



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## GET INVOLVED IN OUR CONSULTATION:

We would like to hear from everyone in the community of Wellington Place and surrounding area over the next 6 weeks to help inform the Secretary of State's decision as to whether they should end into a funding agreement with Discovery Schools. Consultation commences on Monday 6th November 2023 and concludes 15th December 2023. To respond to the consultation please scan the QR code below:

### S10 Formal Consultation - Opening a new 210 place school in Market Harborough



Consultation information will also be shared on social media and published on our trust website.

We will listen to all your comments and act on any feedback to ensure we are creating the best possible school for the community we serve. You can get in touch with us in various ways.

Discovery Trust Website - Contact - Discovery ([discoverytrust.org](https://discoverytrust.org))

Email - [info@dsatwellingtonplace.org](mailto:info@dsatwellingtonplace.org)

X - <https://twitter.com/Discoverytrust>

Facebook - Discovery Trust

Linked In- Discovery Trust

F2F event / Online event (see above)



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