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Dear Stakeholder

Ref: Consultation on Proposed Change to Age Range

The Bedfordshire Schools Trust (BEST) intends to submit an application to the Department for Education (DfE) to change the age range at Lawnside Academy. Prior to the application process, the DfE requires BEST to undertake a formal consultation with stakeholders.

Following the Central Bedfordshire Council 'Have Your Say' consultation launched during Spring 2021, which proposed a transition from three-tier (lower/middle/upper) to two-tier (primary/secondary) in the Biggleswade area, we intend to request approval to convert Lawnside Academy to a primary school (reception year through to year 6) on the current site from 1st September 2024 in line with the local area.

Current size	Current age range	Proposed size	Proposed age range
Lower PAN 60 (300 pupils)	YR to Y4 (age 4-9)	Primary PAN 60 (420 pupils)	YR to Y6 (age 4-11)

If you would like to respond to this consultation, please email your comments to lawnsideconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk.

If you would like to discuss this proposal further with myself or the Principal of the school, Cheryl Johnson, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The consultation will run from Tuesday 1st November 2022 to Tuesday 29th November 2022.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Operating Officer/Deputy CEO
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Dr Alan Lee
CEO & National Leader of Education.



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