

# CONSULTATION REPORT

## OASIS ACADEMY LONG CROSS REQUEST TO PERMANENTLY MAINTAIN 2 FORMS OF ENTRY TO MAINSTREAM ACADEMY

### Executive summary

Oasis Academy Long Cross (the Academy) is a fully inclusive primary academy for 2- to 11-year-olds, graded by OFSTED as 'Good'. It also has a specialist resource base for children with severe learning difficulties, complex needs and life limiting conditions. The Academy is a hub for the local community with a nursery, children's centre and NHS centre on site. The Academy serves the community of Lawrence Weston, an area of high socio-economic deprivation with most children living in postcodes that fall in the 0 – 10% most deprived areas in the country.

Approximately 8 years ago, the Academy was approached by Bristol Local Authority (LA) to increase the Pupil Admission Number (PAN<sup>2</sup>) to allow 60 mainstream pupils per year to enrol; an increase of 15 from 45. This enabled the academy to take two forms of entry per year, rather than 1.5 forms of entry. Given that demand for the academy remains high, we would like to secure this position for the future.

We are seeking permission from the LA, with their support, to make this change permanent.

Please note that this change is unrelated to the application to increase the size of the Specialist Resource Base for children with Severe and Complex learning difficulties.

As part of the Significant Change Process, the Academy undertook a public consultation which ran from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, which included a public event, marketing, a website and online survey. The local community responded positively throughout this period and this consultation report is based on the 18 responses to the online survey that were received.

### Statutory consultation

The consultation ran for 4 weeks from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Information provided to stakeholders took the following forms:

- Website information on the proposals, site location and aims, with details of the public event and embedded survey <https://www.oasisacademylongcross.org/news-and-events/published-admissions-number>
- Postal flyers to adjacent properties likely to be most affected with link to website and info on public event
- Email invitation to local councillors and the MP
- Emails to local primary schools
- Emails to all parents of pupils at the Academy
- Online survey
- Marketing via Facebook community pages and local community noticeboards
- Open evening with outline plans and aims

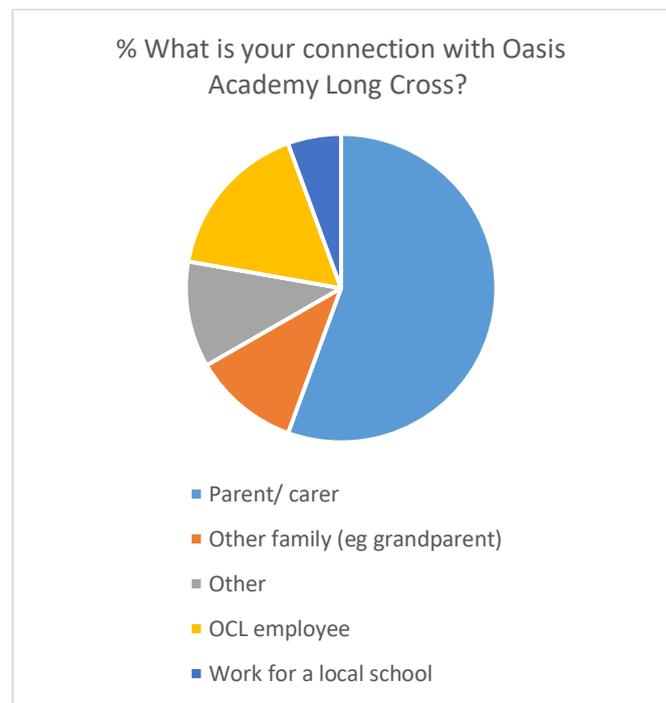
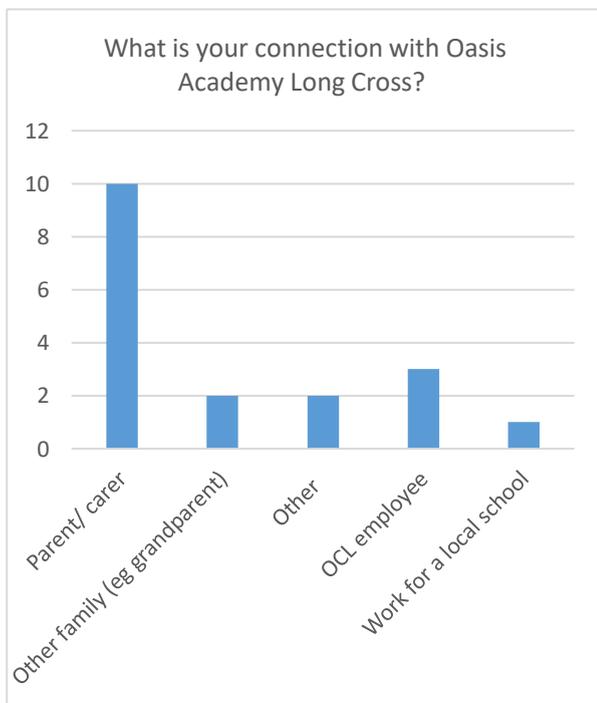
The aim of this consultation was to allow all members of the community and stakeholders to share their opinion on the proposal to maintain the PAN numbers permanently.

## Statutory consultation results and responses

27 consultation questionnaire responses were received, all online. The consultation evening was attended by 6 people. Replies to the questions asked were as follows:

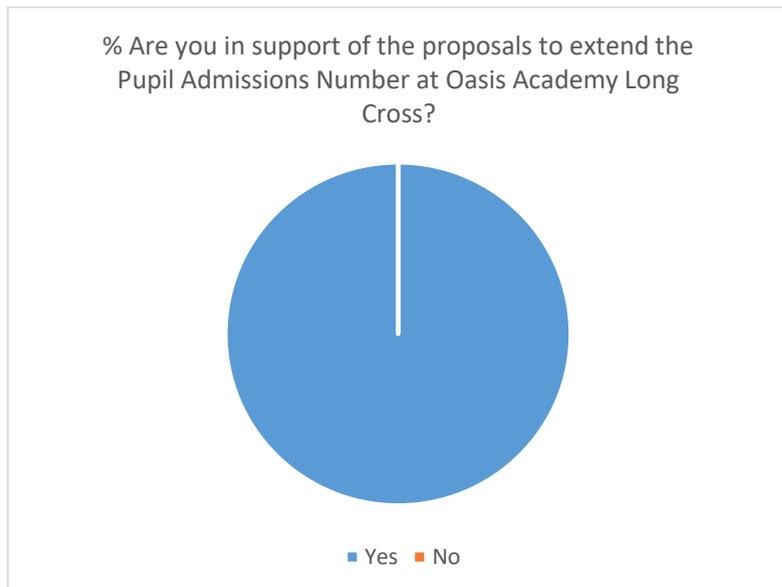
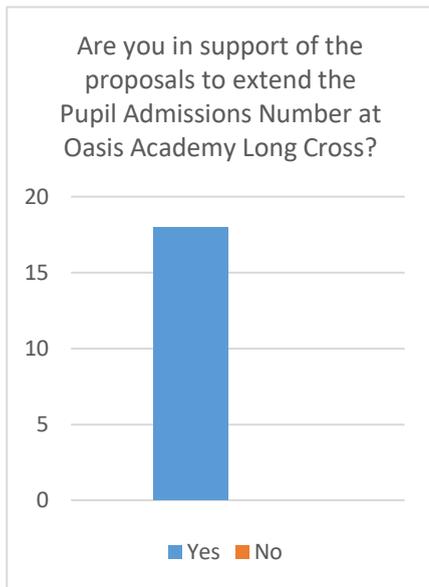
### Q1: What is your connection to Oasis Academy Long Cross?

Of the 18 respondents, 10 (56%) were parents/ carers of a current pupil, with 2 (11%) other family members and 6 from the wider community of residents/ other connections (11%), OCL employees (17%) and local schools (6%). This represents a cross section of the community around the Academy and shows that the survey reached people with no direct connection to the Academy.



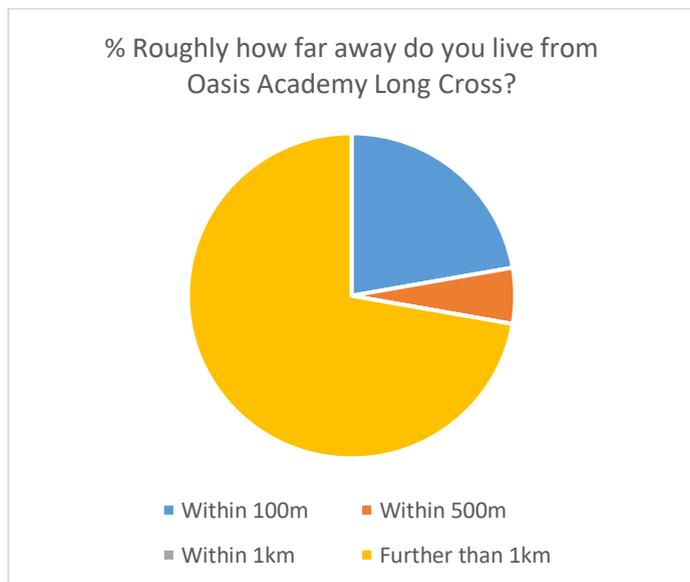
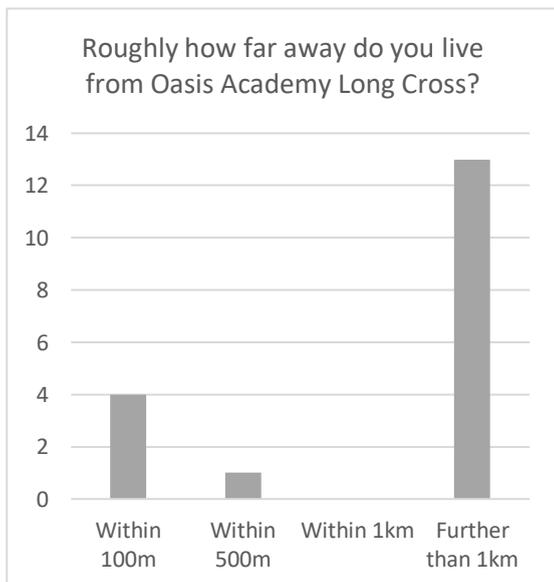
## Q2: Are you in support of proposals to permanently extend the PAN at Oasis Academy Long Cross?

Of the 18 respondents, all 18 (100%) were in support of making the historical PAN into a permanent provision. This overwhelming support from the community is an indication that the Academy and the LA are working to meet the needs of the local community.



## Q3: Roughly how far do you live from Oasis Academy Long Cross?

The 18 respondents lived at varying distances from the Academy; some within 100m (22%), and 72% living further away than 1km. This reflects the size of the catchment area, and shows that the survey has captured data from a range of geographical locations.



### Q4: Do you have any further comments you would like to express?

Many of the comments appear to have confused this formalisation of the PAN for the mainstream academy with the concurrent expansion of the Specialist Resource Base for children with Severe and Complex learning difficulties. The consultation window for this was carried out at the same time but surveys and websites were separate. The content of these comments have been represented and responded to in the relevant consultation report for the Specialist Base. They are not included here for clarity.

Relevant comments include:

*I support this expansion as lots of children will benefit from this setting.*

*Logistics of a full 2 form entry school are much simpler, with this providing a more personalised approach to learning supporting all pupil's positive outcomes.*

*I am --- dad, would you mind telling me what happen next?*

In response to this last question (name redacted), we will now apply to the LA to make the increase permanent. This will take several months. Once we have been informed that the increase to two forms of entry has been made permanent we will share this information on our web page.

Parents should not notice any change to the Academy or provision for their mainstream child.

For those who would like more information on the proposed extension to the Specialist Resource Base, please access the consultation report on the webpage

<https://www.oasisacademylongcross.org/news-and-events/specialist-resource-base-expansion-proposal>

### Summary

In summary, the consultation reached a broad cross section of the community involved with the Academy, including parents of both mainstream and SEND pupils, and members of the wider community.

The data gathered is 100% in support of OA Long Cross making the mainstream provision of 2 forms of entry permanent.

### Conclusion and Next Steps

We are optimistic that the LA and DfE will welcome this application as they have been involved in the process of securing the permanent change in PAN. When we receive confirmation we will share as an update on the school web page. In the interim, we do not expect parents to notice any difference as we will continue to take 2 forms of entry in line with our offer for the past 8 years.

We would like to thank all stakeholders who have taken the time to read and hear about our plans and provide feedback. Updates will be posted to the website as we are able to share them.