

# Stakeholder Consultation

Wellspring Academy Trust is proud to be part of the exciting proposals put forward by Barnsley Council to improve facilities for pupils in the borough. These proposals form part of the Council's plans to ensure every child in Barnsley can access provision in their local area.

To realise this vision, Wellspring Academy Trust and Barnsley Council are proposing the following:

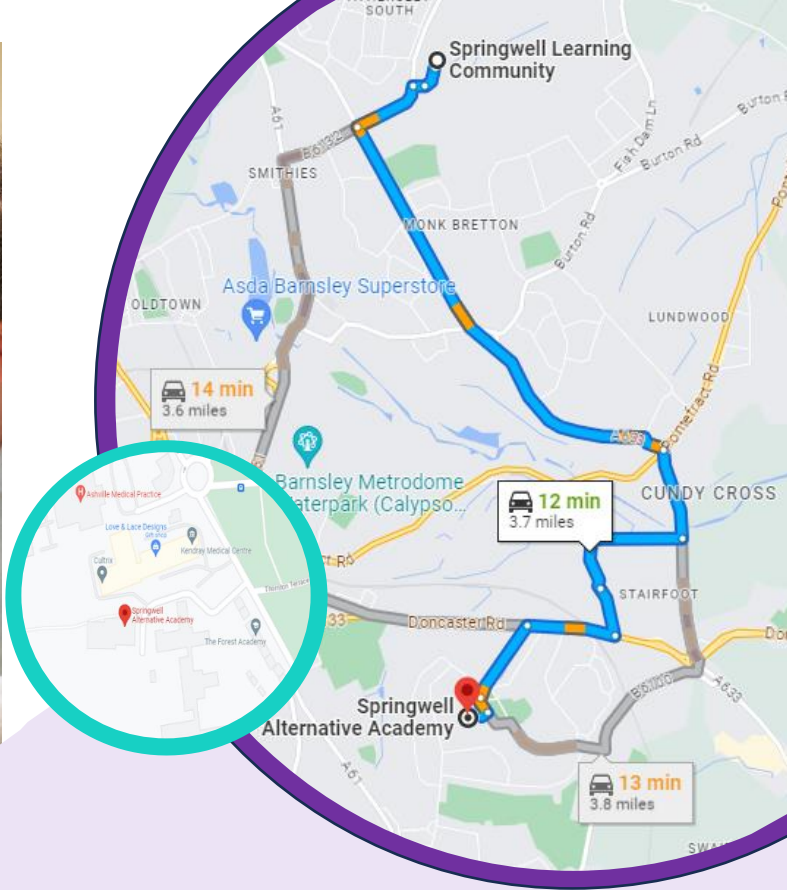
1. We are proposing that the number on roll at Springwell Special School be extended to 132.
2. We are proposing that 16 pupils be based at a newly refurbished satellite in Kendray.



## Springwell Special Academy

Part of Wellspring Academy Trust, Springwell Special Academy provides cross-phase education for children with complex and enduring special educational, emotional and mental health difficulties (SEMH).

The Academy is currently based on three premises, located on a single site in Carlton and two further satellites at Holy Trinity and Kendray schools. Each of these schools is operating at capacity and further alterations are not feasible.



## SCHEDULE

The consultation period will run from 18th September to 13th October 2023. To contribute you can express your views by filling out an online form, via email or in writing. Once the consultation has finished, next steps will be shared on the school's website.

Please make sure you respond by 13<sup>th</sup> October to ensure that your views are heard.

# The Kendray Centre

To facilitate growth, Barnsley Council are investing in a significant refurbishment of a site in Kendray. The site is currently used by pupils who attend Springwell Alternative Academy.

Once complete, the centre will also be equipped to accommodate two groups of eight pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan. The accommodation available to pupils at the centre will include:

- Nurture classrooms, including a dedicated work area and quiet area for each group of pupils.
- A fully equipped food tech room to support vocational training.
- A multi-skills room to facilitate arts, crafts and other activities.
- A dedicated break / lunchtime area.
- Dedicated toilets.
- Meeting spaces for staff, professionals and parents.



## Admissions Process

We are not proposing to change the school's admissions process. Children will continue to be admitted to the Academy via statutory consultation in line with the school's existing policy.

## Safeguarding

The Kendray site has been used by Springwell Learning Community for many years. The site has a secure boundary with pupils entering and leaving through a designated gate. Once on site, pupils have a dedicated entrance where they are met by staff members. Visitors are greeted at a staffed reception where visitors are required to sign in and out of the building. The school will complete a range of risk assessments to ensure the safety of children and other users.

## Local Area Impact

The vast majority of pupils travel to school via taxis and minibuses, which will drop them on the main road. Start and finish times will be staggered with the neighbouring primary school. The additional staff members will park their cars in the nearby industrial estate where the school has allocated parking.

## Timescales

If all approvals are given, pupils will start transitioning to the site later in the term. This will be a phased process agreed between the school and parents.

# Have your say!



To contribute to this consultation, you can express your views online, by email or in writing. You can also attend one of our consultation events. Official consultation meetings will take place at Springwell Learning Community as follows:

Thursday 28th September 3.30pm until 5.30pm

Thursday 12th October 3.30pm until 5.30pm

**Online:** You can share your views by clicking [here](https://forms.gle/TzA3oFkGoNFbx6mEA) or typing the following into your URL:

- <https://forms.gle/TzA3oFkGoNFbx6mEA>

**Email:** You can send emails to [springwell@springwellacademies.co.uk](mailto:springwell@springwellacademies.co.uk)

**In writing:** You can send your views to Springwell Learning Community,

We look forward to hearing from you.