



Anthony Gell School

6 May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Governors met again on Wednesday in order to review the DfE's approval of the Embark proposal and to consider next steps. They have decided to move to a period of more formal consultation from Monday (9 May). This period of consultation will continue to include you as AGS parents and carers and will also include a wider range of stakeholders and groups within our community.

The consultation will be a mixture of opportunities for people to find out more about what is being proposed, ask questions and express an opinion. There will be some face-to-face meeting opportunities and chances to express a view or ask a question via a dedicated email address. The consultation will run for 6 weeks in total and finish on Friday 17 June. As one of these weeks is our half term break, governors will consider the consultation to be 5 weeks in length. These types of consultation are usually 4 weeks long. Our period of consultation will be mirrored by the other three secondary schools who form part of the proposal.

You will receive a letter from the Chair of Governors on Monday. The letter is a long one, as it needs to be, and contains lots of detail. The letter from our Chair will give you details about some meetings which form part of the consultation, opportunities for you to meet with members of Embark, our governors, and/or me. It will also give you details of the email address you will be able to write to. From Monday, there will be an additional section on the AGS website, which is designed to provide more detail on the proposal. Questions which have been asked will appear on this part of our website, along with answers, and these will be updated at various times during the weeks ahead.

The meetings for parents/carers which form part of this period of consultation are entirely optional in terms of your attendance. Please do not feel compelled to attend these, but please do attend if you would like to. These meetings have been scheduled for different times and on multiple days to take into account work commitments and childcare arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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