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Dear Stakeholder

Proposal to make a significant change to Highfields School

I am writing to you to inform you that Lykos Multi Academy Trust proposes to make a significant change to the NET Capacity for Highfields School to reflect changes made to the school building over recent years.

If implemented this will lead to an increase in the physical capacity of the school of more than 30 places overall and is considered to be a significant expansion of capacity and therefore a consultation with stakeholders is required.

Proposal

This proposal has come about following the reconfiguration of teaching classrooms within the Maths and Science Learning School and the creation of a Performing Arts Department in the former Activity Studio. This has created a bespoke suite of music tuition classrooms located adjacent to the Lyceum where production rehearsal space is now located. This change significantly reduces the impact of noise on other subject teaching. The classrooms previously occupied for Music lessons have been reconfigured for use as exam and teaching classrooms.

Highfields School currently has a PAN of 252 for entry to Year 7, however we have admitted over PAN at 280 for the last five years. The school is historically full in each year group.

Following discussions with The Local Authority (City of Wolverhampton Council) they have confirmed that they are supportive of the school's application to formally increase capacity. This proposal will see the net capacity of the school increase from 1592 to 1791.

A recent Admissions Policy Consultation took place to formalise arrangements for 2025/2026 for Years 7 to 11 and also for Sixth Form and, as such, there will be no significant change to our PAN.

Consultation Process

The formal consultation process will run for a four-week period between Monday 5th February 2024 to Monday 11th March 2024.

If you wish to respond to this proposal, please email the school at lbishop@hswv.co.uk or alternatively write to the school, for the attention of the Headteacher no later than Monday 11th March 2024. Please ensure that your email or letter has **Highfields Significant Change Consultation** as the heading.

Yours sincerely

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