



Exciting News

May 2021

Dear parent/carer and guardian,

The Faringdon Learning Trust is delighted to announce that the Department for Education has approved the Trust's plans to convert Faringdon Infant School and Faringdon Junior to all-through primaries. This is the culmination of many years' work, starting with the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan consultation in 2013 and will ensure that we continue to provide the very best education, and places, to all learners.

We can also confirm that Faringdon Infant School will be moving to a new school site, and we are very excited to be working closely with Oxfordshire County Council to make this happen. We are working towards the new school building opening in September 2022.

These two significant changes will enable the Trust to build upon the high-quality and seamless education provision currently available in Faringdon, whilst responding to the growing population and increased pupil numbers, in line with our robust and challenging strategic plan.

You may have many questions as to how this transition and relocation will impact on you and your children; please find below the beginnings of an FAQs resource that will hopefully address these.

The Trust and schools will continue to keep you all updated via the Trust website <https://faringdonlearningtrust.org/> as this journey continues.

Parents directly affected will be receiving a letter from the two schools in the next few days.

Yours faithfully,



Liz Holmes
Chair of Trustee
On behalf of the FLT Trustees



Duncan Millard
FLT Chief Executive Officer



Frequently asked questions.

Will the schools have a new name?

Yes, both schools will have new names when they convert to primaries in September 2022 and will continue to be part of Faringdon Learning Trust.

Both schools have been working with key stakeholders to decide on a school name and logo, both of which will be unveiled as soon as possible.

Where is Faringdon Infant School relocating to?

The postcode is SN7 7PL, which is off Sands Hill on Park Road, Faringdon.

What will happen to the old FIS school site?

The site will be transferred back to Oxfordshire County Council, who own the site.

Is the Junior School ready for Reception and KS1 pupils?

Yes! In 2015 a new purpose build Reception block was built at FJS with its own play area. It has already been used to teach KS1 pupils from FIS. Since then, further enhancements have been made to the school site in preparation for conversion.

Will my child get a different education depending on which primary they attend?

Whilst each school will be allowed to have a unique identity, the Trust will encourage them to work collaboratively and we will ensure, as we now do with all our primaries, that each school will drive high academic standards and excellence in teaching and learning. Both schools will continue to be supported by the Trust in all areas.

Will both schools have a nursery?

Both primaries will offer nursery provision.

My child is joining as an FJS reception child in September 2021 – what happens in September 2022?

Your child will be taught at FIS for their Reception year. In September 2022 your child will be entering Year 1 and will move to FJS.

My child is currently an FJS reception child – what happens in September 2022?

In September 2022 your child will be entering Year 2 and will move to FJS.

My child is currently an FJS Y1 child – what happens in September 2022?

In September 2022 your child will be entering Year 3 and will move to FJS.

My child is currently an FJS Y2 child – what happens in September 2022?

In September 2022 your child will be entering Y4 and will already be at FJS.

My child is joining as an FIS reception child in September 2021 – what happens in September 2022?

In September 2022 your child will be entering Year 1 and will relocate with FIS.

My child is currently an FIS reception child – what happens in September 2022?

In September 2022 your child will be entering Year 2 and will relocate with FIS.

My child is currently an FIS Y1 child – what happens in September 2022?

In September 2022 your child will be entering Year 3 and WILL STAY with FIS and relocate.

My child is currently an FIS Y2 child – what happens in September 2022?

You will have applied to join Faringdon Junior School and will enter as a Year 3 in September 2021.

In September 2022 your child will be entering Y4 and will already be at FJS.

I have a child who I will want to join a Faringdon school, in Reception, in September 2022. What choice will I have?

Both schools will be offering Reception places in September 2022. It will be important that you indicate your preferences for which school you wish your child to go to during the Admissions process.

Do I have a choice of where my child goes?

Of course, parents can express a preference through Admissions for which school their child goes to when they enter their Reception year.

If you wish to move your child from one school to the other, you should apply for an 'in-year transfer' through Oxfordshire County Council.

This is dependent on available school places.

How can I get my child to school?

As per government guidance, a school travel plan will be developed that considers the requirement to reduce car use and the management of traffic-related issues, as well as encouraging a mix of walking, cycling and bus journeys to school as appropriate for a school off Park Road.

Where can I find out further information?

We will keep the Trust website <https://faringdonlearningtrust.org/> updated as further developments occur. Updates will also be published on the school websites under News.

I have a question that hasn't been answered – who should I approach?

Please email academyqueries@faringdonlearningtrust.org and we will get back to you as soon as possible.