

North Star Academy Consultation

North Star Academy Trust (NSAT) is delighted to launch a consultation regarding its new Free School, North Star 265 Alternative Learning Provision (ALP). The North Star 265 Academy ALP is a brand new, state-of-the-art ALP that opened in 2024.

The school currently caters to children and young people from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4 (ages 8–16) who have a range of Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties (SEMH).

All pupils receive a balanced education tailored to their individual needs. Most students are dual registered, meaning they are also enrolled at a permanent school. Students typically stay at North Star 265 for a minimum of 12 weeks, during which their educational needs are assessed and support measures introduced. This facilitates a successful transition back to mainstream settings.

The school has a capacity of 85 students.

North Star 265 works closely with local schools, parent groups, and the local authority to meet the needs of young people in the area.

Proposal

The Trust has identified a growing need for support for pupils in Key Stage 1 (aged 5-7) but is currently unable to offer this support.

We propose a significant change to the school's funding agreement to allow support for Key Stage 1 students. This change will:

- Not affect the number of places available (PAN)
- Slightly reduce the spread of students across Key Stages 2, 3, and 4
- Not affect the physical building but will change how space is used within the school

Consultation Process

As part of the significant change process, the Trust is legally required to hold a consultation exercise.

The consultation will run from Friday, 19 September 2025 to Sunday, 12 October 2025.

Information is available on our Trust website: <https://northstar-academy.co.uk/>

To comment on the proposal, please complete our consultation questionnaire at: <https://forms.office.com/e/S3M5ijH4Ei>

Alternatively, you may complete a paper copy and submit it to any of our schools or post it to:

North Star 265
Hallen Drive
Bristol
NS9 2NT

NSAT Mission Statement



We believe that all young people deserve and have the right to an outstanding education. The ALP provides a superb educational setting for pupils who struggle to engage in mainstream settings and need additional support.

We aim to identify and understand pupil needs and support their transition back into mainstream schools equipped to succeed.

We are committed to working with schools, young people, and families as early as possible to ensure Early Help systems are effective. Opening a KS1 class will help us fulfill this mission.

Consultation Questionnaire

1. About you: which of the following best describes you?

	Please Tick
Parent/ Carer	
North Star Member of staff or Governor	
North Star Trustee/Member	
Governor of local school/academy	
Pupil at local school/academy	
Local community member	
Councillor or MP	
Local business	
Other: Please specify	
Prefer not to answer	

2. Where do you live, approximately, in relation to the proposed site?

Within 1 mile	
Within 3 miles	
Within 5 miles	
Greater than 5 miles	

3. Do you agree that opening a KS1 Alternative Provision in our existing North Star 265 site will provide additional options for parents and meet a need for additional specialist school places in Bristol?

Yes	
No	
Unsure	

4. Do you agree that the vision of North Star Academy ALP will meet the needs of young people?

Yes	
No	
Unsure	

5. Do you support our focus on a differentiated, personalised learning approach for each young person?

Yes	
No	
Unsure	

6. Please provide any general comments and feedback:

7. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please confirm your email address:

Please return the completed form by post to:

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