



**Barton Court  
Grammar School**  
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Ms Rosie Duffield MP  
House of Commons  
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Dear Ms Duffield

### **Consultation on the Expansion of Barton Court Grammar Schools**

Thank you for your letter regarding the consultation of the expansion of Barton Court Grammar School.

So far the feedback we have received from the consultation has been overwhelmingly positive with very few concerns raised. The public consultation evening was an opportunity for people to attend and gain further details and ask questions. We have published, on our website, a "Frequently Asked Questions" document which covers the questions asked on the evening and any we have received to date which we hope will be helpful to all parties. We plan to update this if other questions are asked and these have not yet been covered by us.

Our Clerk to the Governing Body is collating feedback on a regular basis and is responding to questions as they are received. The link to this website page for your convenience is:

<http://www.bartoncourtacademytrust.org/488/faq>

The question you refer to is answered first on the FAQ, as shown below for you:

**Q: Is it envisaged that students/teachers will travel between one site and the other or will they be constantly in one site.**

A: The School will be large in size with 10 forms of entry so there will be a large staff body who will work across both sites. New staff joining the School will be contracted to work on both sites. The Senior Leadership Team will have presence on both sites. It is expected that students who attend the Herne Bay/Whitstable annexe site will have some provision at the Canterbury site to ensure they benefit from the facilities we have to offer in Canterbury. This will be pre-planned when timetabling across the whole school is designed.

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We also have to be mindful of the carbon footprint of moving students, as one of the main purposes of expansion in this locality, rather than in Canterbury, is to provide local provision to local students/families to reduce the time spent travelling, financial costs associated with this as well as environmental costs. Therefore any time at the main school site will be significantly less than that spent on the annexe site.

I trust this answers your query and is helpful. If you wish to discuss the proposal then please do not hesitate to contact us, either Mr Ian Macaulay, Headteacher, or I would welcome the opportunity.

Thank you once again for contacting us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Cardus', with a stylized 'K' and a cursive 'Cardus'.

Ms K Cardus

**Executive Headteacher**