

Government approves plans for a new school in Waltham Forest

The Department for Education has agreed that Emmanuel Community School 2, a new Christian primary School, should progress to the pre-opening stage. This is a significant step towards opening this new school.

The school was proposed by The Emmanuel School Trust (TEST), the group that runs Emmanuel Community School in Walthamstow. TEST will now work towards opening the new school in September 2018. Their core belief is that pupils will succeed if given outstanding teaching and great pastoral care. They aim to do this by having outstanding teachers, a great learning environment, excellent resources, focusing on maths and English and having high aspirations for all pupils. TEST will work with parents/carers and offer wrap-around care, extra-curricular activities and teach life skills through a range of activities including music, sports and languages. They will focus on an international curriculum and provide a nurturing environment for children to succeed.

Titilayo Oluwatudimu, TEST Director of Education, said, “We are delighted with this great news and would like to thank community and parents who have supported us so far.”

Sarah Pearson, Interim Director of New Schools Network, said, “The application process to set up a free school is incredibly demanding, so it is a testament to the hard work of The Emmanuel School Trust that they have been approved to open.

This latest announcement means there are now more than 500 free schools open, or opening in the coming year, providing communities across the country with an additional 330,000 places. Free schools are proving increasingly popular with parents and are providing good new school places for their local communities; outcomes for students at existing free schools have been fantastic and the schools themselves are more likely to be judged Outstanding by Ofsted than other state schools.”

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