



# Proposed new Harris Primary School in East Dulwich

**Harris** Federation 

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# From Sir Robin Boshier

## Our Director Of Primary Education

As you will know if you are a parent of a young child in East Dulwich, the need for primary school places is increasing in this area. It is already difficult to get your child into a good school and it will get harder.

We have been asked by your local Councillors and by parents in the area to help address this situation.

If, as we very much hope, parents say that a new school is needed and they would like us to run it, we will make an application to the Government's Education Department to open a Free School.

Free Schools operate like Academies – independent of Local Authority control and run by a charity, or parents and teachers (but free of charge to parents, like state schools).

The proposed Harris Primary Free School in East Dulwich would be co-educational and for children from Reception through to Year 6.

With the support of local parents, we hope that it would be able to open in September 2014. It would match the high standards expected of every Harris school and build on the success of our two secondary Academies in East Dulwich, both of which are rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

The new Primary School would give every child coming through our doors an education they enjoy and which prepares them for academic success and happy lives.

## How you can support the new Primary School opening

The Government will only accept our application to open a new Primary School if there is sufficient demand locally – particularly from families whose children will start primary school in September 2014 or September 2015.

If you agree that a new Primary School is needed, please sign the petition on the back of this leaflet. **When the Government considers our application to open the school, every signature will count.**

If you live in the area and have a baby or toddler who might benefit from the new school we would very much welcome your involvement in our Parents Steering Group to shape the way the school is planned and developed – please contact us if you would like to be involved in this way.



## Further details about our proposals:

- A new Primary School run by the Harris Federation, a London charity with a track record of running excellent schools and a proven commitment to East Dulwich.
- Overseen by our Director of Primary Education, Sir Robin Bosher, who previously ran a federation of three primary schools in Lewisham including Fairlawn which was rated as 'outstanding' in every category by Ofsted.
- Daily lessons in maths, reading and literacy for children of all ages.
- Children taught by subject specialists from Year 5 onwards to ensure they hit the ground running in Secondary School.
- A happy environment with plenty of opportunities for children to develop their imaginations and thinking skills.
- The Harris Federation would be the main partner running the school but we would reserve a number of Governing Body places for parents who want to partner us in planning and developing an outstanding new local primary school.

# Register your support

If this is a school that you want for the community and would choose for your son or daughter, please register your support by signing this petition. Every signature will count when the Government assesses our application to open the school.

You can return the form to us by post – our address is below – or you can fill it in online via [www.harrisfreeschooleastdulwich.org.uk](http://www.harrisfreeschooleastdulwich.org.uk).

**Your name:**

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**Your child's date of birth:**

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**Your postcode:**

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*"I have a child who will be starting Primary School in September 2014 or September 2015. I would select the Harris Primary Free School in East Dulwich as my first choice for their education."*

**Your email address:**

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Please tick here if you would like to be kept informed about this campaign ☐

Forms should be returned to Chris Randall, Projects Director, Harris Federation, 4th Floor Norfolk House, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR0 1LH.

For further information or to join our Parents Steering Group, you can contact Chris on [Chris.Randall@harrisfederation.org.uk](mailto:Chris.Randall@harrisfederation.org.uk) or call him on 07815 479245.

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