

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 (updated October 2018) that Leicestershire County Council of County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RF proposes to provide a new 46 place Enhanced Resource Bases at St Botolph's Church of England Primary School, Woodcote Primary School, St Hardulph's Church of England Primary School.

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

Leicestershire County Council,
School Organisation Service,
Children and Family Services,
County Hall,
Glenfield,
Leicester LE3 8RF

Email: SchoolOrgService@leics.gov.uk

2. Name, address and category of school

St Botolph's Church of England Primary School (DFE NO 3082)
Forest Street, Shepshed
Loughborough,
Leicestershire. LE12 9DA
A Voluntary Controlled School

Woodcote Primary School (DFE No 2373)
Willowbrook Close, Ashby de-la-Zouch
Leicestershire. LE65 1JX
A Community School

St Hardulph's Church of England Primary School (DFE NO 3016)
Main Street, Breedon on the Hill
Derby. DE73 8AN
A Voluntary Controlled School

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

Additional places will be provided in the existing school buildings to accommodate pupil places age 4 to 11 years requiring SEND provision.

The development of more provisions will help improve choice for parents/carers and pupils, and will have the added benefit of enabling pupils to be educated in their locality/community.

Locally, and nationally, demand for SEND places has risen and forecasts for the next 5 years indicate demand will rise by up to 235.6% for Mainstream Enhanced Resource Base and 142% respectively for Special Schools.

4. Objectives

Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the permanent capacity of St Botolph's Church of England Primary School, Woodcote Primary School and St Hardulph's Church of England Primary School by 46 places for pupils requiring SEND provision to meet the demand for school places in the Loughborough and North West Leicestershire District, both at the current time and in the future.

The projects fulfil Leicestershire County Council's statutory obligation of providing sufficient school places and to try to ensure pupils are able to attend their local primary school. The changes will also assist schools in improving educational standards by preventing excessive class sizes and will also ensure parental choice is maintained through the provision of the additional places.

5. The effect on other schools, academies and educational establishments within the area

It is not anticipated that there will be any effect on other schools, academies and educational establishments within the area.

6. Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved

The projects to build 3 Enhanced Resource Bases on the school sites will cost £215,000.

Project costs will be met from the Local Authority Capital programme.

Long term value for money will be achieved by building to appropriate building and DfE requirements to ensure it can be used long term.

7. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

It is proposed that the schools will increase their SEND capacity by 46 places with effect from September 2025 and September 2026.

The new school accommodation will be completed October 25 and September 26 to enable the school to offer the number of available places for the 2025/26 and 2026/25 school year.

Within 4 weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any interested party may support, object to, or make comment upon the proposal by sending them to School Organisation Service, Children and Family Services, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RF or by email to SchoolOrgService@leics.gov.uk

The closing date for comments and objections is 8th March 2026

Signed: Lauren Haslam
Director of Law and Governance

Date: 31st January 2026