

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 10 place Enhanced Resource Base at Woodcote 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

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

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

Additional places will be provided in the existing school building 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 Woodcote Primary School by 10 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 project to build the Enhanced Resource Base on the school sites will cost £150,000.

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 10 places with effect from August 2026.

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 10th July 2026

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Date: 12th June 2026