

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE SEMH (SEND) CAPACITY OF ASHBY WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL BY 10 PLACES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and The School Organisation (Prescribed Alternations)(England) Regulations 2018 that Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the Communication and Interaction capacity of Ashby Woodcote Primary School by 10 places.

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

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2. Name, address and category of school

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

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

A refurbishment of the existing social, emotional and mental health space ([former sure start centre](#)) within the school to increase the SEND capacity within the school by an extra 10 places. It is proposed that this will have effect for admissions which are due to start on or after Tuesday, 27th August 2019.

The increase in numbers will be accommodated by the refurbishment of existing space within the school.

The development of more provision will help improve choice for parents/carers and pupil, 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 22%

4. Objectives

Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the permanent SEND capacity of Woodcote Primary School to meet the demand for school places in the area, both at the current time and in the future.

The proposals will allow the school to provide 10 additional SEND places for pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan to cope with the increasing demand arising from the increasing birth rate and number of new housing developments along with increased demand for SEND places within the Ashby De La Zouch area.

The project fulfils 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 increase the SEMH capacity at Woodcote Primary School is estimated to cost £50 thousand.

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 school will increase its SEND capacity by 10 places with effect from Tuesday, 27th August 2019.

The new school accommodation will be completed by the Autumn Term 2019 to enable the school to increase the number of available places for the 2019/20 school year.

Within four 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

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The closing date for comments and objections is Thursday 2nd May 2019

Signed: Lauren Haslam
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Date: 4th April 2019