

BOROUGH OF TELFORD AND WREKIN

PROPOSAL TO PERMANENTLY INCREASE CAPACITY AT HAUGHTON SPECIAL SCHOOL AND DELIVER SPECIALIST HUBS IN MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and The School Organisation (Prescribed Alteration to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Telford and Wrekin Council intends to make a prescribed alteration by expanding the place numbers of Haughton Special School and develop specialist hub provision in mainstream schools.

Name, address and contact details of proposer

School Organisation Services, Telford and Wrekin Council, Darby House, Lawn Central, Telford, TF3 4JA

Name and address and category of school

Haughton Special School, Queens Street, Madeley, Telford, TF7 4BW

Date of implementation

Telford and Wrekin Council propose that the school's capacity would increase from 109 to 156 on 01 September 2019 to provide for the additional 27 places on site and 20 places in specialist hubs. The expansion of numbers is necessary to reflect growing demand over recent years and will be achieved by the provision of temporary accommodation on site and the development of two satellite specialist hubs, each catering for 10 places, located in Old Park and Hollinswood Primary Schools. This proposal supersedes the previous notice of January 2018. It is anticipated that the temporary accommodation on site and remodelling within the mainstream school sites, will take place during July and August 2019 with completion by September 2019.

Objectives

The objective of this proposal is to ensure that the council can continue to fulfil its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for children with Special Educational Needs.

The Local Authority consulted stakeholders in summer 2018 on possible options to meet the growing demand for specialist educational provision in the local area and there was widespread support for a broader continuum of provision including the introduction of specialist hubs in mainstream schools. It was agreed that a partnership arrangement led by Haughton Special School with Old Park and Hollinswood Schools, offered the best option to move this forward.

Children who attend the specialist hubs will be placed at either Old Park or Hollinswood School, in consultation with parents, but will be on the roll of Haughton School. Haughton School will also have responsibility for the teaching staff. The mainstream

schools will 'host' the specialist hubs and offer opportunities for inclusion, as appropriate.

This proposal will allow us to expand and build upon an existing good special school with improved opportunities for inclusion for pupils into mainstream education. It will also provide greater parental choice.

Effect on other educational provision in the area

There is unlikely to be any negative impact upon other schools in the area. No other provider makes provision for SEND pupils in specialist hubs or meet the complex needs of children who attend Haughton Special School. These proposals will create additional places for children with complex special educational needs with improved opportunities for inclusion for pupils into mainstream education.

Project Costs

The project to create 47 additional places is estimated to cost £280,000. The project will be funded from the specialist capital grant from the Department for Education.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal, copies of which are available on the Telford and Wrekin Council website:

www.telfordsend.org.uk/haughtonfullproposals

or can be obtained from: School Organisation Services, Telford and Wrekin Council, Darby House, Lawn Central, Telford, TF3 4JA or email by at schoolorganisation@telford.gov.uk

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to, or make comments by sending them to: School Organisation Services, Telford and Wrekin Council, 6b Darby House, Lawn Central, Telford, TF3 4JA

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