

Governing Body of Woodley School  
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Dear Governing Body

## Proposal to expand the number of special school places at Woodley School and College

A non-statutory consultation took place between 29 September 2023 and 27 October 2023 on a proposal to increase the places available at Woodley School and College to 194 pupil places gradually over time, using satellite provision, ahead of and leading up to the new school rebuild. An [outcomes report](#) on the feedback received from the consultation has now been published and has informed a decision by the local authority to publish legal notices.

Kirklees Council is withdrawing the statutory proposal made on 13 November 2023 and is replacing it with an identical statutory proposal. The only change is to the timeline for the statutory process. The reason for taking this approach is that internal cross-checking processes revealed a technical omission in the original statutory process which would have compromised final decision-making.

Publishing a statutory proposal means another opportunity to view the proposal and comment on it before a final decision is made. The consultation will run until **8 February 2024**. Full details of the proposal and how to respond can be found in the [Woodley expansion statutory proposal](#).

### Timeline

Dates are subject to change and will be dependent on approval to move to each stage.

Woodley School and College consultation timeline	
Event	Date
Publication of consultation outcome report	November 2023
Publication of statutory notices and representation period	January 2024
Final decision by Cabinet (within 2 months)	March 2024
Implementation	Implementation will be gradual from March 2024



Yours sincerely

School Organisation and Planning