

Parent/Carer of a pupil at
Woodley School

12 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

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 was published on 13 November 2023 and has informed a decision by the local authority to publish legal notices. You can read the outcomes report on the Kirklees website here: <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolorganisation>

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**. A copy of the proposal is enclosed with this letter.

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

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, (i.e. by **8 February 2024**) any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Tom Brailsford, Strategic Director for Children's Services, Kirklees Council, c/o School Organisation & Planning Team, PO Box 1720, Huddersfield, HD1 9EL or by email to school.organisation@kirklees.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

School Organisation and Planning