



WANSBECK PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**Consultation on the expansion of current resource base from 8 to 16 places at
Wansbeck Primary School, with effect from September 2023
Consultation period: 1st January 2024– 23rd January 2024**

Background

There is an increase in pupils in the school age population in general in Hull as well as changes in need and therefore an ongoing increase in the demand for special school places across the age range. At present, special school places are oversubscribed particularly in respect of communication and interaction

A clear strategy to meet demand in the short and long term is being developed. Unlike in many other authorities, there is not a wide range of specialist resource provision in mainstream schools in Hull at present. There are 6 resource base provisions and the local authority have a phased approach to increase capacity at some and develop others. The model is now being developed in other schools in Hull, both Primary and Secondary, as part of the longer-term strategy for SEND Sufficiency.

In January 2023, primary schools were asked to express an interest in opening a specialist SEND resource base or increasing the sufficiency in others. The LA have worked with trusts to develop a phased approach to increase sufficiency. Wansbeck Primary School currently meets a wide range of special educational needs within the mainstream provision and has an inclusive ethos.

Specific Proposal

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust, Wansbeck Primary School, and the Local Authority, proposes to increase the capacity of the existing resource base from 8 children to 16 within the existing footprint of the building.

This means that the admission number will increase from 218 to 226 to include an additional eight pupils. The resource base will accommodate up to eight pupils primary aged children with an EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan) with Speech, Language & Communication Needs/Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

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The resource base will accommodate existing space in the school building. The adaptations required are considered minor and can be easily accommodated within the current space.

The resource base would be separately funded, and additional staff would be recruited to ensure that the provision of a resource base would not impact of the high quality education currently provided. Existing SEND staff are experienced and qualified to support the development of the new provision, and the school has appropriate space available.

Why?

There is an increase in school age population in Hull as well as changes in need and therefore the demand for special school places across the primary age range. At present special school places are oversubscribed particularly in respect of SLCN/ASD. Hull has a SLCN/ASD special school, however it is oversubscribed. Also, nationally the Department for Education forecast a significant (30%+) increase in the number of special school places that will be required in England in 2024.

Without the resource base expansion there would be insufficient suitable places for SLCN/ASD pupils in Hull, and their special needs will not be met.

How to respond

You are invited to submit comments about the proposal within the consultation period of **1st January - 29th January** to Mr Chris Huscroft - HCAT Chair of Trustees at Wansbeck Primary School, on the attached form. There will also be an information evening where personnel involved with the planning of the resource base will be available to answer questions and provide information. This information evening is on 18th January at 3:30pm at Wansbeck Primary School. If you wish to attend please contact Wansbeck Primary School on 01482 814171 in advance to book a place. Following the consultation period, the Trustees will consider all responses and take these into account.



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Designation (please tick):

- Parent/Carer
- Staff
- Governor
- Resident in catchment area
- Educational establishment in local area
- Other (please specify)

Do you support the proposed plans to create an eight place SLCN/ASD resource provision?

- Yes, I support it
- No, I do not support it
- I don't know

Reasons for supporting/not supporting the proposal, or further comments:

Signed _____

Date _____

Please return by 4pm, 29th January to:

Mr Chris Huscroft - HCAT Chair of Trustees Wansbeck Primary School,
Wenning Grove, Hull HU8 9SR or admin.wansbeck@hcat.org.uk