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Dear Parent/Carer

CONSULTATION PROPOSAL FOR OAKFIELD SCHOOL

This letter is to keep you up-to-date with a consultation proposal for Oakfield School.

Oakfield School currently educates up to 110 pupils with social, emotional, and mental health difficulties. Hull, like many local authorities, is experiencing a rise in pupil numbers and there is a need to create additional school places.

The proposal is to increase maximum pupil numbers of Oakfield School from 110 to 130, an increase of 20 places. The proposal is in line with the recently published SEND Sufficiency Assessment, which notes the shortage of secondary SEMH specialist places in Hull. The LA and the Governing Body have identified the commissioning intent to fill the additional places.

The objective is to increase the number of secondary SEMH places available in the local area, in line with projected demand. There are currently children with an identified need for such places specified in their EHCP.

Increasing the number of available places will:

- increase educational standards by ensuring that children can access an education suitable for their identified needs.
- increase parental choice by ensuring that there are more places available in the city for children to access.

The proposal will have a positive impact on other educational institutions as it will allow children to access an education suitable for their identified needs, thereby reducing demand on the mainstream estate.

The LA has undertaken a capacity assessment which showed that the school has sufficient capacity, in line with published requirements, to accommodate the additional places. Therefore, there will be no capital costs associated with this proposal. Revenue costs will be met via additional place funding that the school will receive, and by banded funding based on the assessed levels of need of each pupil. Higher pupil numbers will contribute to the ongoing financial sustainability of the school.

Consultation process timeline:

- 18th September - publication of statutory proposal notice
- 18th September – 13th October - formal consultation period
- 16th – 20th October – analysis of consultation responses and equalities impact assessment
- 23rd – 27th October – publication of final decision on the proposal

Headteacher: Mrs R M Davies BEd (Hons)

Oakfield School is a maintained Local Authority Residential Special School
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This consultation seeks your views on whether you support this proposed increase in the numbers of pupils at the school. The consultation will remain open until Friday 13th October.

I have enclosed a consultation form; I would be grateful if you could complete this form and return it to the Oakfield School reception. Alternatively, you can email your comments to admin@oakfieldhull.co.uk.

The outcomes of the consultation will be used to inform the final decision about whether to expand the numbers of pupils attending the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel M Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rachel Davies
Headteacher