

An informal consultation about our proposal to increase the number of places at Brookfield School, Fouldrey Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7HE through expansion of the school site.

November 2024

This is an informal consultation about making a prescribed alteration to a school in accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013.

We are seeking your initial views about our proposal to expand Brookfield School, Fouldrey Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7HE, and whether you think this is a good idea. We are proposing to increase the number of special school places by 45, by creating additional classroom space on the school site.

This is an initial informal consultation we are carrying out as part of the process to make a change like this to a school.

We want to assure you that we will give careful consideration to all your comments and opinions. We will use your feedback to develop our proposal ready to take to the next stage of formal consultation.

This is a legal requirement in order to make changes like this to a school.

What are we planning to do?

Brookfield School is a special school for pupils aged 11-16 with social, emotional and mental health needs. The proposal is to expand the school, increasing the number of places by 45.

Why are we doing this?

All special schools in Lancashire are over-subscribed and there continues to be an increase in the need for special school places throughout the County.

Brookfield School is a 'good' school (Ofsted).

How will we do this?

By creating additional places on Brookfield School site.

Children already on the roll at Brookfield School will still be able to attend the school and should not experience any increase in class size because of the increase to the approved numbers.

The school will receive additional funding from the high needs block to provide support for any additional pupils who join the school. This is in line with the funding for places at specialist schools. This means the school should not be financially disadvantaged by the proposed expansion.

What have we done so far?

We have considered the options for increasing the number of special school places in the North of the County with the headteachers of the special schools.

We have discussed this proposal with the headteacher and governors of Brookfield School.

What will happen next?

Careful consideration will be given to all responses that are received on or before 22nd November 2024.

These responses will be used to inform us how to develop this proposal, ready for a formal consultation that is needed to make a change like this to a school.

Have your say

We would like your views on this proposed expansion of Brookfield School. An event will be held at the school so that you can get more information and ask any questions you may have. Details about this will be available on the school website.

For your information and in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government regulations, all written responses may be disclosed to the public and could also be published on our website as background papers to any reports.

We are sorry that, due to the volume of responses we receive when consulting on proposals for schools, we will not be able to acknowledge written responses nor enter into correspondence with interested parties during or after the consultation period. It is important to attend the relevant consultation event if you require clarification or more information on the proposal.

If you have any queries or require further information please contact the Inclusion Service by phone: 01524 581200, or email Inclusion.North@Lancashire.gov.uk.

The above information and a questionnaire can be found on this website <https://forms.office.com/e/kseGs0TZ9L> . Alternatively, you can complete the questionnaire below.

QUESTIONNAIRE

We are proposing to expand Brookfield School which will provide more special school places.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

Please tick one option only Strongly agree

- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
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-

Strongly disagree

Why do you say this?

Please write in the box below

About you

This final section is about you. It is a little more personal but is really useful to us. By answering these questions, you will help us to understand the views of different groups of people. If there are any questions that you would rather not answer, please tick 'prefer not to say', or leave it blank and go on to the next question.

Are you responding to this proposal as...?

Please select one option only

- Parent/carer of a pupil currently at Brookfield School
- Parent/carer of a future pupil at Brookfield School
- Member of staff at Brookfield School
- School governor at Brookfield School
- Member of the local community

Other

If other, please write in the box below

Are you...?

Please select one option only

- Male
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- Female
- Other

Prefer not to say

What was your age on your last birthday?

Please select one option only

- Under 16
- 16-19
- 20-34
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- 35-49
- 50-64
- 65+

Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your ethnic background?

Please select one option only

- White
- Black or black
- British
- Asian or Asian
- British
- Mixed ethnic
- background
- Any other ethnic
- background

Prefer not to say

Are you a deaf person or do you have a disability?

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Please select as many as

- apply* Yes, learning
- disability

Yes, physical disability

- Yes, sensory
- disability
- Yes, mental health
- disability
- Yes, other
- disability
- No

Prefer not to say

Are there any children or young people in your household with special educational needs?

Please select as many as apply

No

Yes, aged under

5

Yes, aged 5-

11

Yes, aged 12-

15

Yes, aged 16-

17

Prefer not to say

What is your home postcode?

Thank you for completing the questionnaire