

Dear Parent/Carer

STATUTORY CONSULTATION PROPOSAL FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS PROVISION IN A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL

Speech, Language and Communication Needs Resource Bases at Westfield Primary School

In March 2022 the Council received notification from the Department for Education that it would be allocated £3.3M of capital funding (High Needs Provision Capital Allocation) over two years to support the provision of new places or to expand existing provision for pupils and students with high needs.

In the autumn term 2022, the Local Authority wrote to all schools to seek expressions of interest from them in offering new or additional SEND provision at their school, based against the required need.

Westfield Primary School expressed an interest to provide Resources Bases for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils with Speech, Language and Communication Needs. Following submission of their interest to the Local Authority, it was agreed that these Resource Bases be proposed at the school.

On the 20th April 2023, the Executive Board at Halton Borough Council approved progression to a Statutory Consultation, which is being held from 10th May 2023 – 07th June 2023.

You are invited to attend the public statutory consultation meeting which will be held at **Westfield Primary School on Monday 22nd May 2023 at 5pm.**

The full statutory notice is attached to this letter and an online consultation response form can be found using the following link www.halton.gov.uk/RBConsultation

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can still respond to the consultation by using the above link or by putting your response in writing to Mr M Reaney, Operational Director Legal and Democratic Services, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF.

All responses to the consultation must be received by Wednesday 7th June 2023. You will not receive an individual response to any comment submitted. Following closure of the consultation, the Local Authority will review the responses and report back to the Executive Board.

Yours sincerely

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