

**An informal consultation about our proposal to  
develop a special educational needs unit within  
Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School,  
Wordsworth Road, Accrington, BB5 0LU**

**June 2023**

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 a proposal to create a special educational needs (SEN) unit within Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High 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?**

The proposal is to create an SEN unit for between eight and sixteen children with social, communication and interaction needs at Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School.

All of these children will have education, health and care plans. Some of these children will transfer from other schools to Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School so that they can attend the SEN unit.

Children attending the SEN unit will be taught in the unit for some of the time and at other times they will be taught with other children in existing classes.

All children already on roll at Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School will still be able to attend the school and this change will not affect current admission criteria and numbers.

### **Why are we doing this?**

To give families more choice about the type of school they would like their child to attend.

To make sure there is specialist support and enough special school places for all children with special educational needs.

Existing pupils, whether or not they have special educational needs, will benefit from the specialist knowledge of staff working with children in the SEN unit leading to an overall improvement in the quality of teaching throughout the school.

There is a particular need for secondary school SEN units in the East area.

### **What will happen next?**

Careful consideration will be given to all responses that are received on or before 17 July 2023.

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 proposal to create an SEN unit at Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School. An event will be held during the informal consultation period 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: 01772 531597 or email [Inclusion.South@Lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Inclusion.South@Lancashire.gov.uk)

This information can be found on this website [www.lancashire.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/consultations) and you can also fill in the questionnaire here too.



## QUESTIONNAIRE

We are proposing to create an SEN unit which will be part of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School to support up to sixteen children and young people with social communication and interaction needs.

### 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
- Strongly disagree

### Why do you say this?

*Please write in the box below*

### About you

This final section is about you. It's 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'd 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 Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School
- Parent/carer of a future pupil at Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School
- Member of staff at Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School
- School governor at Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School
- Member of the local community
- Other



If other please write in the box below

**Are you...?**

*Please select one option only*

- Male
- 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
- 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?**

Please send your completed questionnaire to:

Business Intelligence,  
Lancashire County Council,  
PO Box 100,  
County Hall,  
Preston PR1 0LD

**Thank you for completing the questionnaire**



