

Formal consultation on our proposal to increase the number of places at Red Marsh Special School through the development of satellite provision Willow Campus, Ringway, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 2NL.

**June 2022**

This is the statutory proposal to make a prescribed alteration to a school in accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013.

We are seeking your views about our proposal to further expand Red Marsh School, Holly Road, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 4HH and whether you think this is a good idea. We are proposing to expand the number of special school places by 20 by creating further satellite classes in Red Marsh School – Willow Campus, Ringway, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 2NL.

We have used the feedback that was given during the informal consultation, carried out between 22 March and 3 May, to develop our plans at Red Marsh School.

This formal consultation is a legal requirement that we need to do in order to make a change like this to the school.

## **What are we planning to do?**

Red Marsh School is a co-educational special school for pupils with generic learning difficulties, aged 2-19.

The proposal is to further expand the school by 20 creating two more classes in, Red Marsh School satellite provision; Willow Campus, Ringway, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 2NL which is 1.6 miles away from Red Marsh School.

The further satellite provision will be for children in reception or key stage one. All of the children attending the satellite provision will be on roll at Red Marsh School. Red Marsh School will be responsible for the education of these children and they will receive the same teaching and support as they would if they were taught on the Red Marsh School site.

We are doing this to increase the number of school places at Red Marsh School. Currently there 98 pupils attending the school, in September the number of pupils attending the school will be 110.

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

To make sure we have enough special school places for all young people with special educational needs.

All special schools in Lancashire are over-subscribed and over 200 more places in special schools will be needed over the next 4 years. More special school places are needed this year.

There are currently over 400 pupils with special educational needs attending private or independent schools. These school places usually cost more than places in Lancashire schools.

Red Marsh School is an 'Outstanding' school (Ofsted, 2019).

Children and young people already on the roll at Red Marsh School will still be able to attend the school and should not experience any change in class size as a result of the increase to approved numbers.

More space should become available for existing pupils.

### **How will we do this?**

- By using space to create two further new classes for reception age, key stage 1 children in The Haven School site that is 1.6 miles away from Red Marsh School.
- By providing funding for any adaptations to the school building through the basic needs grant provided by the local authority.
- The school will receive additional funding from the high needs block to provide support for any additional pupils that join the school, 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?

An informal consultation took place between March 2022 and May 2022 when we asked for the views of families of children attending the school, school staff and governors and other members of the local community.

The written responses to the informal consultation were considered by cabinet on 9 June 2022.

1 response was received in respect of the informal consultation for Thornton Cleveleys Red Marsh School and this respondent tended to agree with the proposal.

## What will happen next?

Careful consideration will be given to all responses that are received on or before 17 July 2022.

These responses will be used to provide information to Lancashire County Council Cabinet to allow councillors to make a decision about whether to agree to expand Red Marsh School. The date of the cabinet meeting for this decision is 8 September 2022.

If the cabinet agreement is given any building work that is needed will take place before December 2022 and the changes should be in place from 1 January 2023.

## Have your say

We would like your views on this proposed expansion of Red Marsh 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: 01772 531597 or email [Inclusion.South@Lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Inclusion.South@Lancashire.gov.uk),

## QUESTIONNAIRE

We are proposing to further expand Red Marsh School which will provide an additional 20 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

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*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/carer of a pupil currently at Red Marsh School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/carer of a future pupil at Red Marsh School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of staff at Red Marsh School
<input type="checkbox"/>	School governor at Red Marsh School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/carer of a pupil currently at Northfold School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/carer of a future pupil at Northfold School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of staff at Northfold School
<input type="checkbox"/>	School governor at Northfold School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of the local community
<input type="checkbox"/>	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**