



Public consultation on a proposal to

Permanently expand West Oaks SEN Specialist School and College

Consultation runs:

18 November 2020 to 2 December 2020



What is being proposed?

The Governing Board of West Oaks SEN Specialist School and College working in partnership with Leeds City Council, is consulting on a proposal to permanently increase its current Published Admission Number from 350 to 500 SEND places for learners aged 2-19 by utilising an additional site at Rose Court, Buckingham Road, Headingley. If the proposal goes ahead, the Governing Body would seek to ensure that the spread of places is equitable across its two current and the proposed third site.

The proposed opening date for the additional places is September 2021 and it is anticipated that once established, the number of additional places would grow gradually over time rather than all being allocated on opening.

Why is this being proposed?

The number of children and young people living in Leeds has increased over the past decade, which has resulted in rising demand for both mainstream and specialist provision places across the city.

The need for specialist school places continues to grow with particular increases in the areas of complex learning difficulties and complex communication difficulties which are being identified as a consequence of a substantial increase in Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) assessments. Specialist school places are very popular with families and the need for places in these schools is forecast to increase beyond the number of places currently available in Leeds. The Governing Body of West Oaks SEN Specialist School and College working in partnership with Leeds City Council, is therefore consulting on a proposal to create additional places to address the anticipated increase in demand.

West Oaks SEN Specialist School and College is an Ofsted rated outstanding school.

Find out more and share you views about the proposal

This public consultation is an opportunity for you to have your say about the proposal.

There are a number of ways to find out more, ask questions and share your views;

Online consultation sessions

Due to the current circumstances it is not possible to hold face to face community consultation drop-in sessions, so instead there will be online community consultation sessions that you can access via computer or by phone.

Session	Date	Time
Online session	23/11/20	6pm —7pm
Online session	25/11/20	10am —11am

To register your interest in attending one of the online consultation sessions please email: educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk no later than the day before the session. You will then be sent details of how to access the session. Please note that questions can be submitted by email in advance of the online session.

Online Survey

You can also give us your views by completing an online survey at <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/WestOaks/> before 4pm on 2 December 2020.

Other ways to respond

You can also write or email your comments using the contacts below. As long as responses are received by 4pm on 2 December 2020 they will be counted.

Email:

educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk

Telephone:

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Post:

PO Box 837

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