

Bolton Council

School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2018

This is a copy of the Complete Proposal to accommodate a Resource Provision at Washacre CP School, Clough Avenue, Westhoughton, Bolton. BL5 2NJ.

1. School and Local Authority Details

Name of school: Washacre CP School, Clough Avenue, Westhoughton, Bolton. BL5 2NJ.

Name of Local Authority: Bolton Council, Department of Children Services, Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bolton. BL1 1RU.

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2. Description of Proposal and Implementation

Bolton Council are proposing to establish a Resource Provision at Washacre Primary School, to help young children throughout their primary education by providing targeted support for those with moderate to complex learning difficulties within a mainstream school setting. These children will be additional to the number of children admitted through the school's normal Admission criteria and will therefore not reduce the number of mainstream places offered by the school. To accommodate this resourced provision, the Council is proposing to internally modify an existing classroom within the school.

3. Objectives

Some years ago, the Council provided two small ASD units to trial targeted support for primary aged pupils in mainstream settings, later a similar provision was also provided for secondary school aged children. These have proved successful in helping pupils integrate into and be supported by a traditional mainstream setting.

In Autumn 2022, the Council invited expressions of interest from mainstream schools to host a Resource Provision for Bolton children with moderate to complex learning difficulties. Washacre CP responded with a positive interest and following a selection process they were successful in being identified to host this provision. It is proposed to create a new Resource Provision at the school and if approved, this could be available for use by September 2023.

4. Description of Alterations

To create this new Resourced Provision at Washacre CP, it is proposed to internally modify an existing classroom within the school that was formerly used to accommodate a nursery class, which has since closed. This Provision is proposed to accommodate upto sixteen children with Moderate/ Complex Learning Difficulties. In addition to this, these children will benefit with the use of their own bespoke outside play area and own entrance.

5. Project Costs

The cost of the Resource Provision will be met from the Safety Valve Capital funding that the Council has been awarded to support SEND.

6. Consultation

Prior to the publication of the current Statutory Notice, an informal consultation exercise was undertaken, which ran from Wednesday 18th January to Sunday 5th March 2023.

Letters advising of the proposal were sent to all Staff, Governors, Parents and Carers of pupils attending the school, Local Westhoughton Ward Councillors, Union Members, Local MP's, Head Teachers at other Bolton schools and colleagues at the Roman Catholic Salford and Manchester Church of England Diocese. The document was also available on the Council's website.

7. How to make representation

Within 4 weeks from the date of the publication of the Statutory Proposal (ie no later than Sunday 23rd July 2023) any person may object to or make comment on the proposal by writing to the Consultation and Research Team at consultation@bolton.gov.uk with the subject line as ' Statutory School Consultation – Washacre' or alternatively you can write in to:

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