

The School Organisation (Making Significant Changes (Prescribed Alterations') to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013

Decision Notice to Increase Pupil Numbers at The Orchards Federation- Green Fold Special School

School and Local Authority Details

Name of school: Green Fold special school, Highfield Road, Farnworth, Bolton, Greater Manchester, BL4 0NS

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

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Background

A formal Statutory Consultation was undertaken between 5th February 2024 until 3rd March 2024 to permanently to enlarge and increase the current capacity of Green Fold Special School in order to permanently expand the pupil places at the school from 130 to 185 places with effect from the 1st September 2025.

It is proposed that the enlargement of the school will be achieved by internal remodelling and extending the two buildings at the current Upper and Lower Orchards sites. The proposal also includes the construction of an Early Years unit at the Upper Orchards site to accommodate Cherry Tree reception classes and the Orchards Nursery which will be relocated from the Lower Orchards site to facilitate its remodelling and extension for Green Fold Pupils. In addition, the proposal will include the reformation of existing external space including the provision of a new MUGA on the Upper site for recreation and physical education to meet the needs of the additional pupil numbers.

There was no representation received during the Statutory Consultation period.

Decision

The outcome of the Statutory Proposal was reported to the Executive Member for Children's Services on 9th April 2024. Approval was given to permanently increase pupil capacity at Green Fold Special school from 130 to 185 places with effect from the 1st September 2025.