



Appendix 4

Consultation document for a proposal to decrease the current Resource Provision for children with Hearing Impairments (HI) at Lindow Community Primary School from 12 to 6 pupils

Consultation period: 13 October 2022 – 17 November 2022

This consultation document sets out:

- Information about Lindow Community Primary School
- Why we need to change resource provision at Lindow Community Primary School
- What the impact will be on resource provision places in the local area
- The proposal
- How you can give your views
- What happens after the consultation?
- The consultation timetable

Lindow Community Primary School

Lindow Community Primary School is a single-form entry Cheshire East maintained primary school and is located on Upcast Lane in Wilmslow. The school admits pupils aged 4 - 11 with up to 30 children in each class. Currently, the school educates a number of children with a variety of special educational needs, including 4 children within the Hearing-Impaired Resourced Provision.

Why we need to decrease HI Resource Provision at Lindow Community Primary School

In recent years, there has been a decline in the number of deaf children applying for places. The most recent applications were 4 in 2015, 2 in 2017 and 1 for September 2022.

In response to the current demographics and previous yearly trends the Headteacher, Lead Teacher for the Resource Provision and Governors are in agreement that a reduction in numbers to HI Provision is needed to meet current demands.

What the impact will be on Resource Provision places in the local area

If the number of spaces in the provision are reduced from 12 to 6, and if there are no further applications received, there will be 3 occupied places. This means there will be 3 unoccupied places available to children in the local area and across Cheshire East who have a primary need that can be met by the specialism of the provision.

The proposal

If the proposal goes ahead, 3 places will be occupied by current children who are on the school's roll, are deaf and have Lindow Community Primary School as the current named provision in their Education Health Care Plan(EHCP). 3 further places will be available to children with Hearing Impairment as their primary need across Reception and Key stages 1 and 2 who have an EHCP and the Resource Provision at Lindow Community Primary School is named as their preferred provision. The allocation of a place in the resource provision will be given by the local authority SEND panel, following consultation with the school.

How you can give your views

You can:

- Complete the electronic survey online at https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_organisation/school_organisation.aspx
- Complete the feedback form and email to SOCs@cheshireeast.gov.uk

What happens after the consultation?

At the end of the consultation period all the feedback received will be collated, and a report prepared and presented to the Council's Children and Families Committee for a final decision on the proposal.

Process

1. 5-week consultation period with stakeholders including parents/carers
2. Responses collated
3. Outcome's report produced
4. Proposal considered by the Children and Families Committee
5. The school implements proposed change, if approved.

Timeline

1.	Statutory Public Notice Published	13 October 2022
2.	Start of consultation	13 October 2022
3.	Deadline for feedback and comments	17 November 2022
4.	Children and Families Committee	16 January 2023
5.	Implementation of proposal (if approved)	April 2023