

Appendix 1

STATUTORY PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATION TO MAINTAINED SCHOOL

Local Authority Proposal

1. School and local authority details

Park Lane School
Park Lane
Macclesfield
SK11 8JR

Park Lane School is maintained by
Cheshire East Borough Council
Delamere House

2. Implementation

September 2025

3. Proposed Alteration

We are consulting on a proposal to formally increase the number of school places at Park Lane School by an additional 34.

The proposal, if agreed, would involve remodelling of existing space to create an additional classroom and provision of additional facilities including toilets to create the required accommodation to enable the school to formally increase the capacity from 122 places to 156 places. Please note that this consultation includes the capacity and accommodation within the 2 Classroom mobile, which is already in use and the current number on roll is 138.

In 2023 The Council published online its updated Sufficiency Statement for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs. This document highlights the

specialist provision necessary within the Borough and provides the evidence base for the associated SEN plan 2023 – 2026.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/local-offer-for-children-with-sen-and-disabilities/send-developments/assessing-our-local-send-sufficiency.aspx>

4. Need or demand for additional places

Park Lane School current capacity is 122 places and currently has 138 children on its roll. Please note that this consultation includes the capacity and accommodation within the 2 Classroom mobile, which is already in use and the current number on roll is 138, and this process will ensure that this accommodation is formally included in the school's capacity.

Park Lane School is a popular and successful school and is rated GOOD by Ofsted. There is significant demand for places and this proposal will help to enable Cheshire East Council meet its statutory duty ensure a sufficiency of school places for children resident in its area.

5. Objectives of the Proposal and Educational Standards

The 2023-2026 Council Sufficiency Statement for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs states: -

As a partnership, Cheshire East is committed to supporting our children and young people to access the best education to meet their needs and to ensure they achieve the best possible outcomes. Having the right educational placement is key to supporting children and young people to achieve their potential and to develop the range of skills and experiences they need to equip them for adulthood. We have completed this Sufficiency Statement of our educational provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to:

- Assess the needs of our children and young people in Cheshire East
- Evaluate how well our current provision meets young people's needs and identify any gaps.
- Support us to plan how we will continue to develop our provision over a three-year period starting in 2023-2026 so that we can achieve the best outcomes for our children and young people.

Through developing our provision, we want to:

- Enable children to achieve the best possible outcomes for children and young people.
- Ensure there are the right number and type of places to meet children and young people's needs.
- Ensure that children and young people can have their needs met within their local community wherever possible.
- Make the best use of our resources.

Having the right educational placement and support is key to ensuring that children and young people experience the best outcomes. As such, the statement contributes to the authorities work across all of these priorities, but it is particularly related to priority 6; ensuring that children and young people with additional needs have better chances in life.

To achieve the best outcomes for children, we need to plan and deliver our

services with children and young people at the centre, involve them in decisions, and base our services on what children and young people need and how they tell us they want to be supported. Children, young people, parents and carers have been involved in developing this statement and will continue to be involved in developing our provision going forward.

We want to ensure that all our children and young people achieve the best possible outcomes.

It's also really important to us that we make the very best use of our resources so that we can provide the best quality service possible to all children and young people that need support. This means ensuring that we use our resources innovatively, match our services to the needs within our population, and also that we don't duplicate services. This also means reducing costs on any additional expenditure that doesn't contribute to children and young people's attainment or wellbeing, such as travel costs for long distance travel.

6. Effect on other Educational Establishments in the Area

The next nearest Cheshire East School delivering similar provision to Park Lane School is Springfield School in Crewe.

7. Project costs and Value for Money

The authority believes that to provide long term value for money it is right to expand schools with permanent accommodation where possible. Permanent expansion provides new facilities providing reassurance to parents and providing children with the most favourable good quality learning environment.

The detailed design work for the proposal is still ongoing and costs for the scheme are still to be confirmed. The works will be procured in line with the Councils frameworks and will be funded from the Children and Families Capital Programme.

8. Objections and comments

Within 4 weeks from the date of publication of this proposal i.e., by 10 April 2025 any person may support, object to, or make comments on the proposal by: -

- Completing the online survey at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk
- Via email to SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk
- Completing the Feedback Form and handing it in at the school or post it to the school at -
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