

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH TYNESIDE

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Complete proposal -

Removal of Additional Resourced Provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs in maintained schools.

1. Proposer – Local authority details

The Council of the Borough of North Tyneside. North Tyneside Council, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY. (Department for Education Local Authority ref – 392)

2. The name, address and category of the school

- Balliol Primary School, Chesters Avenue, Longbenton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 8QP (392/2077) - Foundation School
- Riverside Primary School, Minton Lane, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 6DQ – Community School (DfE school – 392/2021)
- St Bernadettes RC VA Primary School, Rising Sun Cottages, Wallsend, NE28 9JW – Voluntary Aided School (DfE school - 392/3319)

3. Description of the proposed alteration

It is proposed that with effect from 31st August 2014, the provision for pupils with Emotional, Social and Behavioural Difficulties will cease to be maintained at the above schools.

4. Evidence of need or demand for additional places

Consultation with all schools has led to a proposal to amend the delivery framework for support to pupils with Emotional, Social and Behavioural Difficulties (ESBD). The outcome of the consultation concluded that alternative provision should be commissioned direct through an existing school for pupils with ESBD. The proposed provision, which is not subject to statutory consultation, will provide 24 place for across key stages 1 & 2. This being the number of places currently being offered within the existing settings. Which, when taken into consideration against existing provision and known demand, is sufficient for the needs of the borough.

5. Objectives of the proposal and educational standards

The amendment to the provision for pupils with ESBD will serve to meet the following principles;

- Early intervention – the objective to try and enable all children to be successful within their own school environment and to access a mainstream curriculum;
- Reduce the incidents of ‘crisis’
- Clear, transparent referral routes that are understood by all;
- To build capacity and resilience within all schools;
- Shared belief and accountability;
- Child centred.

Additionally, the Aims of the project are to:

- provide consistency of response, service and personnel;
- provide prompt response and timescales of support;
- have accountability and positive outcomes;
- avoid silo working to deliver joined up connected services;
- provide a skilled and experienced team;
- keep the child in their home school setting where possible.

6. Effect on other Education establishments in the area

The alternative provision will be commissioned via Silverdale School (392/7007) and operate from accommodation within Grasmere Academy, Grasmere Court, Killingworth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 6TS (392/2001). All pupils attending existing provision will be either relocated within the commissioned provision, or retained within mainstream provision.

7. Project costs, including how long term value for money will be achieved

Revenue funding associated with the existing provisions is met from the Dedicated Schools Grant and will be fully utilised to operate the new provision.

8. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

The commissioned service will operate from 1st September 2014. The proposed closures of ARP provision in the above schools will be effective from 31st August 2014, with all pupils transferring to the new provision or retained within mainstream provision.

9. Procedure for responding to this proposal

Any person wishing to submit any comments either in support of, or objection to the proposal may do so by sending them to:

Head of Commissioning and Fair Access,
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North Tyneside Council, Quadrant,
The Silverlink North,
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Any objections or comments must be received on or before 1700hrs on 29th May 2014.

Applicable legislation: School Organisation (prescribed alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013