

Statutory Proposal for Prescribed Alterations to Provide Special Educational Needs Provision in a Mainstream School

1.Proposal relating to:

Holy Family Catholic High School, Virgins Lane, Thornton, Merseyside, L23 4UL

Proposer: Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 3NJ

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013/3110 that Sefton Council intend to make a prescribed alteration to Holy Family Catholic High School from 1st September 2023.

2. Description of Proposed Significant Change

The proposed significant change at Holy Family Catholic High School will be the establishment of a SEN unit for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) with a primary SEN need of cognition and learning difficulties with a class of 6 places in each year group of years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. (Please be advised this does not include year 12 or 13)

3.Evidence of Demand for Places

The number of children and young people with an EHCP in Sefton has increased significantly. The most common category of need within this group of pupils are those with cognition and learning difficulties.

The SEN Unit will offer the increasing number of pupils displaying cognition and learning difficulties the benefit from attending a mainstream school, whilst also receiving specialist input for their learning difficulties relevant to the child's SEN needs.

4.Objectives of the Proposal and Educational Standards, and Impact on Parental Choice

The additional places will be in addition to and not part of the schools existing Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN).

Admission to the SEN Unit will be made via Sefton Councils SEN and Inclusion Service. Sefton Council proposes to carry out internal alterations to existing classrooms and to install a 2-storey mobile unit to create the required appropriate space to enable the delivery of the provision.

The proposed provision will be appropriately resourced to ensure that the children placed will be supported in achieving their educational outcomes.

The proposed Resource Bases will allow the Council and parents/carers the option to place children within local provision, rather than in independent provision.

5.Effect on other Education Establishments in the Area

There will not be any effect on other educational establishments in the area.

6.Project Costs

If the proposal for this provision is agreed, funding for the additional accommodation will be provided directly through Department for Education High Needs Provision Capital Allocation.

7. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

It is intended that any new provision will be implemented during the 2023/24 Academic Year.

8. Procedure for Responding to this Proposal

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: School.Organisation@sefton.gov.uk

Any person wishing to raise objections, or make comments on the proposal should do so by emailing School Organisation at: School.Organisation@sefton.gov.uk within four weeks from the date of publication, i.e. no later than 4pm on 19 June 2023

Applicable legislation:

[Making significant changes \('prescribed alterations'\) to maintained school \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/115444/making-significant-changes-to-maintained-schools.pdf)

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