

Consultation on the Establishment of a Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP) for Children and Young People with SEND at The Skipton Academy

Purpose of this Consultation Document:

This document is to explain the proposal by Moorlands Learning Trust to establish a Targeted Mainstream Provision for secondary aged children and young people with communication and interaction needs including autistic spectrum disorders (ASD), delivered by The Skipton Academy.

On 31st March 2020 North Yorkshire County Council's Chief Executive Officer, considered the response to the consultation on the implementation of providing SEN provision in Mainstream Schools in the form of Targeted Provisions. He also approved as part of this implementation, public consultation on school organisation proposals to:

- (i) add provision for Special Educational Needs (SEND) by providing Special Resourced provision in the form of Targeted Provisions at Mainstream Schools
- (ii) Remove provision for Special Educational Needs at former Enhanced Mainstream Schools

Following discussions with the CEO of Moorlands Learning Trust (MLT) and the Principal and SEND lead at The Skipton Academy (TSA), TSA has been selected to deliver a secondary school Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP) for the Craven district. MLT is now asking for your views on this proposal as part of the statutory process which is required before alterations of these kind can be made to academies.

What will the Targeted Mainstream Provision look like?

Schools have the flexibility to refine their model of delivery but in general the new provision will:

- Provide 8 full time places for 6 children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan and 2 'flexible' places for children needing to access the provision for short term assessment and support.
- Specialise in meeting the needs of children and young people with

communication and interaction needs including autistic spectrum disorders (ASD).

- Have access to a range of therapies and training opportunities to ensure children are fully supported.
- Increase the opportunities for children and young people with SEND to access mainstream education together with more specialised small group interventions and support.
- Be funded on a 'place' basis similar to special schools and in line with national guidance.

NYCC Background to the Proposal and SEND Strategic Plan

North Yorkshire County Council has a duty to keep its special education provision under review and ensure there is the right type of provision and enough places to meet the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We want all children and young people with SEND in North Yorkshire to;

- have the best educational opportunities so that they achieve the best outcomes;
- be able to attend a school or provision locally, where they can make friends and be part of their local community; and
- make progress with learning, have good social and emotional health and be prepared for a fulfilling adult life.

We know that there are more children and young people being identified as having special educational needs in North Yorkshire, including the Craven district, and we expect this increase to continue. We need to make sure that we have the right type of education provision in the right place to meet their needs. We know that a number of our children and young people have to go to school outside North Yorkshire, and we want to avoid this wherever possible.

We have developed a strategic plan for educating children with SEND which aims to create a better offer of provision for children and young people, improved communication, enable more local decision making, and reduce costly out of county placements. This plan was approved in September 2018 and the proposal to implement the Targeted Mainstreams Provisions were then approved on 31st March 2020. We are now implementing the actions within it and one of these actions requires us to select schools who will alter their designation to include an SEN Unit.

The **full NYCC strategic plan** document is here www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendplan so that you can see where this aspect of provision fits within the wide range of provisions established or being developed. We recommend that you read this document before responding to the consultation and giving your views on the individual school proposal.

How has NYCC consulted?

NYCC carried out a consultation exercise on the SEND Strategic Plan from 18th May 2018 to 28th June 2018 and then subsequently from 6th February 2020 to 15th March 2020 on the specific issue of establishing Targeted Mainstream provisions.

Moorlands Learning Trust and The Skipton Academy Consultation

We are asking you to give your views on our proposal to set up a TMP at The Skipton Academy by emailing admin@theskiptonacademy.co.uk with the subject title 'TMP Consultation'.

We are also holding a stakeholder engagement event on Monday 7th March at The Skipton Academy between 5pm and 6pm, where members of the public can share their views in person and ask any questions they may have regarding the proposal. If you would like to attend this event, please email admin@theskiptonacademy.co.uk with the subject title 'TMP Consultation'.

What is the timescale?

The closing date for all responses is 15th March 2022. All responses to the consultation received by this date will be considered by Moorlands Learning Trust before determining whether or not to proceed with the proposal.