

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **PRESCRIBED ALTERATION STATUTORY PROPOSAL TO ADD A SPECIALIST SEN PROVISION TO:**

#### **RISE PARK PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL BESTWOOD PARK DRIVE WEST, NOTTINGHAM, NG5 5EL**

It is proposed to add a specialist Special Educational Needs (“SEN”) unit at Rise Park Primary and Nursery School (“the School”) within the existing school grounds, by extending the front of the existing building, on the left-hand-side of the main entrance.

The School currently runs an internal enhanced provision called ‘The Nest’ which provides specialist support for children on roll. The current space is insufficient in providing all of the specialist education required for the children as they progress, and there is no spare space in the current building to accommodate it.

Therefore, an extension will be built onto the current SEN provision, on space outside which is currently used for two car parking spaces and the rest is unused land. This will enlarge the current indoor space to create a classroom and sensory room, with a separate entrance for parents to access, off the main path. An area for outdoor play and learning will also be created.

The numbers of pupils with SEND and the complexity of those needs is growing. The extension will make provision for specialist support to the current pupils as they grow through the school, whilst enabling the School to meet the increasing SEND demands in future.

It will be designed to provide specialist support to children already on roll who may have a diagnosis of autistic spectrum condition (ASC), or moderate learning difficulties, the level at which requires additional specialist educational support to enable the children to have their needs met effectively in their local, mainstream school. Within this provision which pupils will attend daily, they will receive a programme of learning which will stimulate and engage them safely and securely.

The proposed completion date for the new extension is October 2025, building work permitting.

It is proposed that the specialist SEN unit will accommodate 8 pupils in total, already on roll at Rise Park Primary School with SEN. It is proposed that these places will be allocated by the School. It is envisaged that these pupils may also access space and facilities within the main school and therefore will not create space for additional pupils to be admitted under the normal admissions process.

The current capacity of the School is for 420 pupils. The proposed capacity of the School would remain at 420. The current PAN for the School is 60. The proposed admission number for the School would remain at 60.

The current number of primary aged pupils registered at the School is 414. The School also has a nursery with up to 52 full-time equivalent (“FTE”) pupils on roll.

Consultation on the SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2023-28 was undertaken from 25<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 with all relevant stakeholders. The Strategy set out the policy, principles and proposals for investing High Needs Capital funding received from the Department for Education (DfE), to increase and improve specialist SEND provision for children and young people with complex needs or who have an education, health and care plan (EHCP). The Strategy also outlined key priorities and broadly proposed schemes, to increase the number of high quality inclusive places and improve existing provision. Initial expressions of interest were also invited.

The development of specialist SEN provision at Rise Park Primary & Nursery School is one of a range of measures developed by the LA in partnership with settings to ensure that the SEND Sufficiency Strategy commitments are delivered for young people in Nottingham.

The current estimated total cost of delivering this scheme is £1.2m, of which £1.14m will be funded from the High Needs Capital Fund and £0.06m from an education S106 funding contribution.

The development of provision at Rise Park Primary School will offer access to high quality specialist educational provisions for local pupils. The developments set out within the SEND Capital Strategy are aspirational for pupils with SEND residing in Nottingham and are supported by local parent carer forums and schools. Nottingham City Council's Educational Division has robust financial management of its High Needs funding block, enabling the opportunity to deliver SEND projects at a scale not replicated by comparable Local Authorities. The provisions are also positive for the council's general fund, ultimately reducing reliance on home to school transport by avoiding the need to place pupils in costly out of area independent provision, reducing longer distance transport provision.

**Views on this proposal are welcome from all stakeholders. Support, comments and objections on the proposal published in this statutory notice must be sent by 4:50 p.m. on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 by emailing: [lucy.juby@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.juby@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) stating 'Rise Park SEN provision' in the subject line.**

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