



5th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Statutory Proposal for a Prescribed Alteration to North Ridge School

The Local Authority are currently consulting on the permanent change of North Ridge roll to 200 places now that we have the new sixth form building. The full detail of the consultation is outlined below. This will mean that the needs of pupils in the North can be fully met and we have created a purpose built sixth form centre that provides great opportunities including vocational learning on site.

I am therefore asking you to support the consultation by responding to the email address listed below.

Publication of the Statutory Notice and How to make comments and views.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (by 26 July 2021) any person may object to, or make comments on the proposal by sending their representations to:

school.organisation@manchester.gov.uk

Any comments received during this period will be compiled and included as part of the report to be considered for determination.

Please do respond. For further information read the details below.

Many thanks for your support.

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School and Local Authority Contact Details

North Ridge High School, Alworth Road, Blackley, M9 0RP. This is a maintained secondary special school. The contact address of the Local Authority is School Organisation, Manchester City Council, PO Box 532, Town Hall Extension, Manchester M60 2LA

Proposed Alteration

Manchester City Council is proposing to increase number of pupils on roll at North Ridge High School to 200 (from existing capacity of 163) by enlarging onto a second site at Abraham Moss Centre, Crescent Road, Crumpsall, M8 5UF from 1 September 2021. The existing governors and senior leadership team will be responsible for both sites and the school will remain in the control of the Local Authority.

Evidence of Demand

The January 2021 school census showed that 17.6% of Manchester pupils have SEND (15,827 pupils). This was made up of 13.4% (11,987 pupils) who have their needs met at SEN Support level in a mainstream school and 4.3% of the school population who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan (3840 pupils). Of the 3840 pupils with an EHC, 52.7% attend a mainstream setting and 47.3% attend a special school.

There has been significant growth in the number of children with an EHCP, increasing from 1912 in 2010, to 3840 in 2021. This growth has resulted in increased demand for places in a specialist setting in Manchester and can be expected to continue given the established data trends.

National data from 2020, published by the Department for Education, states that 3.3% of all pupils in schools in England have an EHC, a rise from 3.1% in 2019. A further 12.1% of all pupils have SEN support, without an EHC, up from 11.9% in 2019.

North Ridge High School serves the whole of the city and provides specialist education for children with complex needs including profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), autism (ASD) and Other Difficulty/Disability (OTH) for children aged from 11 to 19 years.

Due to the increased demand for the type of specialist education North Ridge High School provides, it has been necessary for the Local Authority to create additional capacity across a number of specialist settings. In the case of North Ridge High School, it has not been possible to create additional capacity at its existing site due to land and accommodation constraints.

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Objective

The vision in Manchester's Children and Young People's Plan is that every child and young person aged 0-25 will achieve their full potential and are:

- Safe
- Happy
- Healthy
- Successful

Manchester aims for children and young people with SEND to attend their local preschool setting and to be educated in their local mainstream school whenever possible. Where specialist provision is required, this should be within schools based in the city. The vast majority of pupils' SEN are met within the following:

- Fully inclusive mainstream provision
- Mainstream with support
- Resourced mainstream provision
- Special school provision.

Manchester's special school provision is located in purpose-built schools that have been awarded 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted. They all have an outreach offer that can be accessed by mainstream schools and settings to ensure that every school can identify and meet the needs of children with SEND who choose to attend a local school or setting and close the gap in outcomes when compared to young people without SEND.

The objective of this proposal is for the Local Authority to increase the specialist provision at North Ridge High School with the use of a second site and provide capacity to meet the needs of the growing SEND pupil population, allowing pupils to access provision locally.

The effect on other educational institutions within the area.

The proposal will build on the good standards for teaching and learning already in place at North Ridge High School and provide additional local places for local children with special educational needs without having any negative impact on other schools, academies and educational institutions in the area.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long-term value for money will be achieved.

The project capital costs will be met from the local authorities SEND capital funding stream.

All specialist places at North Ridge High School will continue to be funded from the High Needs Block part of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The revenue funding required for the additional places is included in the DSG allocation and the additional commissioned places have been agreed by Schools Forum.

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The proposal to increase capacity at North Ridge High School with the use of the new sixth form centre will ensure the continued delivery of high quality and cost-effective provision for the children and young people of Manchester and provide local specialist provision.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation.

The proposed implementation date is 1 September 2021. Admission arrangements will be managed by the special educational needs statutory assessment process and will follow those in place for North Ridge High School.

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