

# Ash Field Academy Residential Provision

## Overview

Ash Field Academy provides education and support to children and young people between the ages of 4 and 19 years of age, who have complex health and medical needs. All pupils have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

The school has capacity for 160 pupils and currently provides overnight residential provision for up to 18 pupils per night, four nights per week during term time. Annually, 35-45 (22-28%) of Ash Field Academy's pupils are accessing the residential provision. Many of the pupils accessing the service have profound and multiple disabilities and require specialist care and facilities to support them.

Whilst staying in the residential facilities, pupils are involved in various leisure activities and have opportunities to practice their independence skills. Staying in the residential provision and the activities included are free of charge to pupils and parents.

None of the school's pupils have an EHCP stating residential provision is required, and no teaching staff are employed to deliver the service. However, there are a number of non-teaching staff employed by the Academy to deliver support and care for the pupils during their stay in the residential provision.

Ash Field Academy's residential provision is currently funded by the High Needs Block (HNB) grant which Leicester City Council receives from the Government to deliver educational services. The HNB grant is not intended for non-educational activities or services.

It is acknowledged the academy provides an outstanding residential service for its pupils and is highly regarded by all who use or are involved in the facility, not least the pupils and their parents/guardians. The service isn't accessed by all pupils at the academy and is not available to children with SEND who aren't pupils of the academy, of which there are over 1,000 across the city.

The council does have a legal duty to provide short breaks / respite support for some eligible children and young people with SEND, however this is supported through the council's Disabled Children's Service.

The purpose of this consultation is to invite views on whether the council should cease HNB funding for the residential provision from August 2024. The HNB is intended for educational services for SEND pupils across the city.

It should be noted that at this stage no decision has been made regarding withdrawal of funding for the residential facility.

If the post-consultation decision is to no longer fund the residential provision with the HNB grant, the council would work with Ash Field Academy to identify potential alternative funding.

## About you

### Are you responding as....

*Please select only one item*

- Pupil at Ash Field Academy who uses the school's residential support services
- Pupil at Ash Field Academy who does not use the school's residential support services
- Parent of a pupil at Ash Field Academy who uses the school's residential support services
- Parent of a pupil at Ash Field Academy who does not use the school's residential support services
- Member of Ash Field Academy residential staff
- Member of Ash Field Academy school staff or governors
- Member of staff or governor at another school
- Parent of a pupil who attends another school
- Member of Leicester City Council staff
- Health professional
- Local resident
- Other

If Other, please specify

### What is your postcode?

Please note: we collect postcode data to gain a better understanding of which parts of the city / county respond to our consultations. We cannot identify individual properties or addresses from this information.

## The proposal

It is proposed to cease HNB funding for the residential provision from August 2024. The HNB is intended for educational services for SEND pupils across the city.

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Do you agree with the proposal to cease HNB funding for Ash Field Academy's residential provision?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No  
 Partially

If you disagree with the proposal (or only partially agree), please indicate why.

## Supporting documentation

Please upload any relevant documentation to support your comments

## Equality monitoring

The information you provide in this final section of the questionnaire will be kept in accordance with terms of current Data Protection legislation and will only be used for the purpose of monitoring.

Your details will not be passed on to any other individual, organisation or group. Leicester City Council is the data controller for the information on this form for the purposes of current Data Protection legislation.

### Ethnic background:

*Please select only one item*

- Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British: Indian
- Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British: Any other Asian background
- Black or Black British: African
- Black or Black British: Caribbean
- Black or Black British: Somali
- Black or Black British: Any other Black background
- Chinese
- Chinese: Any other Chinese background
- Dual/Multiple Heritage: White & Asian
- Dual/Multiple Heritage: White & Black African
- Dual/Multiple Heritage: White & Black Caribbean
- Dual/Multiple Heritage: Any other heritage background
- White: British
- White: European
- White: Irish
- White: Any other White background
- Other ethnic group: Gypsy/Romany/Irish Traveller
- Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

If you said your ethnic group was one of the 'Other' categories, please tell us what this is:

### Age:

*Please select only one item*

- under 18
- 18 - 25
- 26 - 35
- 36 - 45
- 46 - 55
- 56 - 65
- 66+
- Prefer not to say

## Sexual orientation. Do you consider yourself to be ...

*Please select only one item*

- Bisexual
- Gay / lesbian
- Heterosexual / straight
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

## Disability

The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities and has lasted or is likely to last for at least 12 months. People with HIV, cancer, multiple sclerosis (MS) and severe disfigurement are also covered by the Equality Act.

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If you have answered **'Yes'** to the above, please state the type of impairment that applies to you. People may experience more than one type of impairment, in which case you may need to tick more than one box. If none of the categories apply, please tick 'Other' and state the type of impairment.

*Please select all that apply*

- A long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
- A mental health difficulty, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder
- A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches
- A social / communication impairment such as a speech and language impairment or Asperger's syndrome / other autistic spectrum disorder
- A specific learning difficulty or disability such as Down's syndrome, dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D
- Blind or have a visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
- Deaf or have a hearing impairment
- An impairment, health condition or learning difference that is not listed above (specify if you wish)
- Prefer not to say
- Other

If Other, please say

How would you define your religion or belief?

*Please select only one item*

- Atheist
- Bahai
- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jain
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- No religion
- Prefer not to say
- Other

If Other, please specify

What is your sex?

*Please select only one item*

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

Is your gender identity the same as your sex registered at birth?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If No, what term do you use to identify your gender? (leave blank if prefer not to say)