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Sent: 02 October 2020 11:33

To: Lucy Synclere <

Subject: Leicester City Council - Special School Funding consultation launch

Hi Lucy,

I hope you are well? As discussed previously we were looking to hold a consultation on funding for Special Schools, I just wanted to make you aware we are launching it today, and have spoken with Special School Heads this morning.

To give you a little more detail the purpose of the consultation is to review funding arrangements for council-maintained Special Schools. We are proposing a change to funding formula methods in council-maintained special schools, as these have not been reviewed since 2014. The aim of the proposal is to ensure a fair and equitable funding to meet pupil needs.

The schools under review include, Ellesmere, Keyham Lodge, Millgate, Netherhall Oaklands and West Gate. The Children's Hospital School and Pupil Referral Units will not be included within this review due to the specialist nature of their provision. Ashfield academy pupils have a much wider range of needs therefore a single unit funding rate is not appropriate.

The funding for schools has not been reviewed since 2014, and in line with government policy changes the council are unable to fund the High Needs Block from its reserves. Furthermore, the consultation is looking to provide fair and equitable funding rates to meet pupil needs across our maintained special schools and the rates proposed are broadly comparable with those in other local authorities.

Consultation details will be available on Leicester City Council's Citizen Portal <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk>

The consultation will commence 2 October and run for 6 weeks through to 13 November. A report with recommendations will be taken back to the Executive.

Findings from the consultation will be taken back to the city council's Executive and will require agreement from all special schools, and the Department for Education.

If it's helpful I'm more than happy to have a conversation with you next week if you'd like some more detail. If you wanted to include the information, or slightly edited details on your website for parents information that would be helpful.

Kind regards,
Clare.

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Subject: Special Schools Funding Review - Consultation

Hi Richard,

I hope you are well? I believe Nayna spoke to you earlier this week regarding having a slot on the PCF later this month, would it be possible nearer the time to confirm a time slot?

I just wanted to make you aware we have launched the consultation today, and spoken with Special School Heads this morning. To give you a little more detail the purpose of the consultation to review funding arrangements for council-maintained Special Schools. We are proposing a change to funding formula methods in council-maintained special schools, as these have not been reviewed since 2014. The aim of the proposal is to ensure a fair and equitable funding to meet pupil needs.

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If it's helpful I'm more than happy to have a conversation with you next week ahead of the PCF.

Kind regards,
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Subject: SEND Rates Review

All,

In agreement with the City Mayor the council will be undertaking a consultation to review funding arrangements for council-maintained Special Schools. The schools under review include, Ellesmere, Keyham Lodge, Millgate, Netherhall Oaklands and West Gate.

As you will be aware nationally, there has been increased demands in High Needs funding with local authorities increasingly under pressure, as a result of recent government policy changes the local authority may not use funds from its resources to fund any overspends in the High Needs Block.

Locally, in Leicester we have seen an increase in demand on special school places between 9% - 11.5%. Furthermore, the number of pupils up to the age of 25 with Education Health and Care Plans has increased by 12% - 13%.

We have been working with Special Schools to address funding issues, to look at teaching and non-teaching costs within schools.

The approach we are proposing to take is designed to provide fair and equitable funding rates across our maintained special schools to meet pupil needs and the rates proposed are broadly comparable with those in other local authorities.

Any concerns please let me know.

Kind Regards

Richard Sword

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