

Ash field Academy Residential Provision – Consultation Emails received

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From: SN

Sent: 10 January 2023 09:13

To: consultations <[consultations@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@leicester.gov.uk)>

Subject: Ashfield Academy Res

Dear Sir / Madam,

I'm writing to you for you to reconsider the decision on closing the Ash Field Academy Residential centre.

After reading the reports and optimising of the children using the facility I feel compelled to write to you and ask you to reconsider.

The children using the facility are unable to stay at friends houses, due to the equipment / medication needs and for their social development, this is a much needed service.

Taking this away will impact their mental health and will continue to isolate them from society.

It's difficult enough to find locations in Leicester which are accessible for multiple wheel chair users to gather.

Mental health is at an all time high with funding stretched, I ask you to re consider.

The facility is great to relieve families and carers for 1 night of respite, whilst caring for other children and relatives.

I'm sure funding can be shuffled to accommodate such an important part of the special needs sector and support the children and families.

Kind regards

SN

**From:** BK

**Sent:** 11 January 2023 20:40

**To:** consultations <[consultations@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@leicester.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Ashfield closure proposal

This facility is absolutely essential to its users . The needs of the disabled children in Leicester and Leicestershire has grown, due to earlier diagnosis and better medical assessments

To close rather than fund this essential facility, would be a travesty and would put further pressure on mainstream schools, other specialist schools, parents, but more importantly, the young people who benefit from its amazing teachers and facilities

Mon 5 Dec at 10.54

I have found that since xx has been attending the residential department she has become more Self-aware and confident

She has learnt how to deal with personal issues how to look after herself with day to day things like cooking cleaning hygiene and much more.

She's More equipped when it comes to dealing with adults She's More out going when talking to people.

In my opinion it would be a great loss of life skills education to close the residential department down you would be losing a great learning aid for the children at the school.

It is one of the many things that make Ash Field so different from mainstream schools

Yours

KG

Xx grandpa and full-time carer

06/12/2022

**From:** MJ

**Sent:** 05 January 2023 17:59

**To:** TheMayor <[TheMayor@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:TheMayor@leicester.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Ashfield academy

Good evening,

I write this email with a heavy heart and what Ashfield means to me and my family I am a single parent of two disabled children both which attend Ashfield academy

XX has become so much more independent and has learnt so many new life skills

He also helps me look after his sister she also has neuromuscular disease as

When XX is in residential,

I can concentrate on getting myself better educated by doing online courses so I can come off benefits and get a job support my family.

having both children at home and both on ventilators at night I don't and won't have time to study I don't get any help from any service we used to use rainbows hospice but that got changed to end of life care in the daytime I'm caring for my mum who is in the last stage of dementia

I just don't know what else I can say over then I'm struggling to do my best for my children

I would love to be able to work and have my own social life but without myself getting online courses.

Please save Ashfield

Kind regards

MJ