

ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Staff and Families



Ref: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) public consultation

As you will be aware from my previous communications, Liverpool City Council is currently consulting the public on the future of specialist education provision in our city.

The consultation was launched on 21 June 2021 and will close on 15 October 2021. It can be accessed here:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/council/consultation-and-engagement/consultation/consultation-on-the-sufficiency-of-send-places-in-liverpool/>

Our Governing Body held an Extraordinary Meeting on 23 September 2021 to consider this consultation, and to provide a response to the local authority by the specified closing date.

The Governing Body agrees that there is an urgent need to review local provision of specialist education, with the view of creating sufficient number of school places for all children and young people who, for a number of reasons, require such specialist schooling.

The Governing Body members were unanimous in sharing our students', their families' and the staff' aspiration for Abbot's Lea School to be the centre of excellence in Autism education, research and professional development.

In all our deliberations, we drew on the previously gathered views of our students, their families and the staff team, in wishing for more space and more diverse facilities, so that we can continue to grow and develop our professional practice.

Whilst the Governing Body cannot determine the outcome of the public consultation, we want to assure you that we will be actively advocating for the interests of Abbot's Lea School every step of the way.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions related to this public consultation, please contact me directly: headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

I will keep you updated with any developments related to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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