



Date: 14th February 2022

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that Liverpool Council is undertaking a review of special school provision to address the shortfall in special school places and to manage the increased demand for children and young people who have special educational needs.

Since 2019 there has been a 46% increase in the number of children and young people with education health and care plans (EHCPs). Liverpool now maintains over 4000 EHCPs. This increase, coupled with a projected population increase, means that changes are necessary to create a sustainable long-term plan. The plan will create additional special school places in the city and will ensure that more children and young people can be educated within Liverpool in local authority provision.

Draft proposals have been submitted to cabinet and permission sought to consult with affected schools. The cabinet report is available in the link below

<https://councillors.liverpool.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1734&MId=18779>

All stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate in an informal consultation which will take place from 16 March - 11 May 2022. We welcome the views of all stakeholders so that a high-quality sustainable offer can be developed for the children and young people in the city.

Yours sincerely

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