

# PROPOSALS FOR CLOSURE OF EXISTING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS UNITS (SEN) IN HALTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS UNITS IN HALTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS

#### Part 1:

Notice is given in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Halton Borough Council, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF proposes to discontinue special unit provision from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 from the following schools:

- Grange Comprehensive (Community) Latham Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 5DX this school will enlarge and increase its age range on 1 September 2010 and be re-named as The Grange School - a 24 place Moderate Learning Difficulties Unit for Key Stage 2 pupils
- Moore Primary School (Community), Lindfield Close, Moore, WA4 6UG a twelve place Moderate Learning Difficulties Unit for Key Stage 2.
- Palace Fields Primary School (Community), Badger Close, Runcorn, WA7 2QW a twenty- four place Moderate Learning Difficulties Unit.
- Weston Primary School (Community), Lambsickle Lane, Weston Village, Runcorn, WA7 4RA - a twelve place Infant Moderate Learning Difficulties Unit for Key Stage 1 and a twelve place Moderate Learning Difficulties Unit for Key Stage 2
- Oakfield Community Primary School (Community), Edinburgh Road, Widnes, WA8 8BQ - twelve places Infant Moderate Learning Difficulties Unit and a twenty- four place Moderate Learning Difficulties Unit.
- Simms Cross Primary School (Community), Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QS twelve places Infant Moderate Learning Difficulty Unit and a twelve place Moderate Learning Difficulty Unit.

Where Resource Provision Units are changing or ceasing pupils will be supported in their mainstream primary school or will be allocated specialist provision as and when needed.

#### Part 2:

Notice is given in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Halton Borough Council of the above address proposes to make prescribed alterations to establish resource provision units at the following schools from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011:

• The Brow Community Primary School (Community), The Clough, Halton Brow, Runcorn, WA7 2HB - will provide a resource unit base with seven places Key Stage 1 for speech and language and communication needs and ten places for Key Stage 2 pupils with speech and language and communication needs.

- Weston Point Community Primary School (Community), Castner Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 4EQ - will provide a resource unit base for seven pupils with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties.
- Palace Fields Primary School (Community), Badger Close, Palace Fields, Runcorn, WA7 2QW - will provide a resource unit base for ten pupils with severe learning needs.
- Westfield Primary School (Community), Clayton Crescent, Runcorn, WA7 4TR will
  provide resource unit provision for six pupils with hearing impairment and specific
  learning difficulties.
- Woodside Primary School (Community), Whitchurch Way, Runcorn, WA7 5YP will
  provide resource unit provision for seven pupils with behavioural, emotional and social
  difficulties.
- Oakfield Community Primary School (Community), Edinburgh Road, Widnes, WA8 8BQ - will provide a resource unit base with seven places for Key Stage 1 for speech and language and Communication Needs and ten places for Key Stage 2 pupils with speech and language and communication needs.
- Simms Cross Primary School (Community), Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QS will provide a resource unit base of seven places for KS1 pupils and seven places for KS2 pupils with a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). There will also be capacity for outreach support for pupils in other primary schools within Halton.

### Part 3:

Notice is given in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Halton Borough Council of the above address proposes to make prescribed alterations to establish special unit provision at the following school from 1 September 2010:

• Grange Comprehensive (Latham Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 5DX) -this school will enlarge and increase its age range on 1 September 2010 and be re-named as The Grange School - will provide a 24 place Moderate Learning Difficulties Unit for Key Stage 2 pupils until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

## Note

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Ann McIntyre, Operational Director, Children and Young People, Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn, WA7 2WD. Telephone Number 0151 471 7543. A full copy of the proposals can be found on http://www.halton.gov.uk/bsf. Details of special unit proposals for Halton can be found in the Executive Board report on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 copies of which can be obtained from Ann McIntyre, Operational Director, Business Support and Commissioning 0151 471 7543 or through the Halton Borough Website www.halton.gov.uk.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Mr M Reaney, Operational Director (Legal, Organisational Development and Human Resources) Municipal Buildings, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF.

Signed:

Publication Date: 14th January 2010

ME Reaney

# **Explanatory Notes:**

- 1. All written comments received at the above addresses will be acknowledged and comments will be submitted to the Executive Board of Halton Council in the form of a report, copies of which will be made available to the public on demand. It will not be possible to send detailed responses to individual letters. After a report has been submitted to the Executive Board, all written responses to the consultation exercise will become available for inspection by the public.
- 2. The Grange nursery, infant and Junior School will close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010. The Grange Comprehensive will change its age range from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 to offer places for pupils aged 3 –16 years and become known as The Grange School. As part of the BSF Programme and PCP The Grange School will be rebuilt, however, until the rebuild is completed the school will continue to operate on a split site basis. From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 The Grange School will provide a resource unit base with seven places for KS1 pupils and seven places for KS2 pupils with a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). There will also be capacity for outreach support for pupils in other primary schools in the borough.