



## **Consultation on proposals to add Specialist Resource Bases (SRBs) at Lionwood Infant & Nursery School and Lionwood Junior School, Norwich from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.**

### **Our proposal**

Inclusive Schools Trust would like to hear your views on our proposals to;

- establish an 8 place Specialist Resource Base (SRB) from 1 February 2024, at Lionwood Infant and Nursery School, Telegraph Lane East, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 4AN
- establish an 8 place Specialist Resource Base (SRB) from 1 February 2024, at Lionwood Junior School, Wolfe Road, Norwich Norfolk NR1 4HT

We appreciate that children and young people can struggle to engage with learning and cope in a classroom without additional strategies and interventions. A Resource Base can support children to overcome their barriers to learning, to be better able to cope and to be re-integrated into a mainstream setting, in which they can achieve their potential.

We are very keen to provide this support in our schools. Our bases will be part of the Specialist Resource Base network and are a key part of Norfolk's Local Offer for children with special educational needs and their families. This has been identified in Norfolk's Local First Inclusion Programme as a priority for development.

Our Specialist Resource Bases will be managed by the Heads of School at Lionwood Infant & Nursery School and Lionwood Junior School. As well as overseen by the Executive Head/CEO and the Trustees of Inclusive Schools Trust.

The SRB places will be allocated through Norfolk County Admissions processes and may not be full from 1 February 2024, but will grow up to full capacity through this admissions process.

### **Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Early Intervention Base**

Our Early Intervention Base will be available to children and young people;

- With co-occurring needs, not limited to, but inclusive of neurodiversity traits, Social, Emotional and Mental Health and developmental needs
- That have a hybridity of needs which impact on child's ability to access mainstream provision without significant support on entry to the Specialist Resource Base
- who typically are identified as struggling with/or likely to struggle with transition into mainstream school
- Who may have previously sought a complex needs school placement due to lack of alternative choices, but would have their needs better met through access to mainstream community, provision, and inclusion at an Early Intervention Base.

We are looking to undertake a refurbishment programme to re-use a classroom in Lionwood Infant and Nursery School. There will need to be some capital works to install new toilets and some external works to establish secure outdoor provision. The capital costs will be covered by Norfolk County Council, as part of the Local First Inclusion programme.

## **Our Key Stage 2 Additional Intervention Base**

Our Additional Intervention Base will be available to children and young people;

- With co-occurring needs, not limited to, but inclusive of neurodiversity, Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs and learning needs that may have resulted in school refusal and/or vulnerability to exclusion
- Who, typically, are too 'complex' for the existing SEMH, and Autism bases due to their hybridity of needs
- Who may have previously sought a complex needs school placement due to lack of alternative choices, but would have their needs better met through access to mainstream community, provision, and inclusion at an Additional Intervention Base.

We are looking to undertake a refurbishment programme to re-use a classroom in Lionwood Junior School as well as extensive work outside to establish secure outdoor provision. The capital costs will be covered by Norfolk County Council, as part of the Local First Inclusion programme.

## **What are the benefits of this proposal**

The main driver for Inclusive Schools Trust is to meet the increased demand for specialist educational provision within our area and to best meet the needs of our most vulnerable learners. We feel our proposal would benefit children and young people because it will:

- support more pupils with special education needs and disabilities to be educated and thrive in their local school and community;
- enhance pupils progress by effectively meeting their individual complex needs;
- help facilitate better access to the curriculum and support pupils to achieve their potential;
- ensure that needs can be met locally avoiding the need for pupils to spend unnecessary time travelling to an appropriate school further away. This is better for young people and saves the taxpayer money in transport costs;
- increase the availability of places to meet the needs of pupils with SEND;
- address identified geographical, and age and phase gaps in SRB provision as identified in Norfolk's SEND Strategy;
- support the sharing of complex need expertise and good practice as part of our school.

## **How can you have your say**

We will be holding a drop-in event where you can come and find out more about this proposal and look at the proposed plans for the capital project:

- Tuesday 13 June, 9.15 – 10.15am at Lionwood Junior School
- Tuesday 13 June, 2 – 3pm, at Lionwood Infant & Nursery School

If you are unable to attend these events but would like to comment on our reorganisation proposals please:

- complete the attached form and hand it to your school office
- or access our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/lionwoodsrb>

**We need all responses by 16 June 2023.**

## **What happens next?**

Inclusive Schools Trust will consider all the responses received during this consultation and decide whether to complete a business case and send it to the Regional Director for a decision.

22 May 2023



## Consultation on proposed changes to Lionwood Infant & Nursery School and Lionwood Junior School

Let us know what you think of our proposal.

Please tell us which School you are linked to (please tick relevant box)

Lionwood  
Infant & Nursery

Lionwood Junior

N/A

How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to establish a permanent 8 place Specialist Resource Base at Lionwood Infant & Nursery School?

Please tick a box.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Why do you say this? Please write in the box below.

**How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to establish a permanent 8 place Specialist Resource Base at Lionwood Junior School?**

Please tick a box.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

**Why do you say this? Please write in the box below.**

**Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make to help us with this decision and in planning for the future provision for children? Please write in the box below.**

We would like to hear from many different people as your views help us to decide whether we make these changes. We will also use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal to establish the Specialist Resource Base at Lionwood Infant & Nursery School and Lionwood Junior School.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Academy Trust's data protection policy and guidelines. This means that Inclusive Schools Trust will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation.

We won't identify individuals when reporting back our findings and, under our record management policy, we will keep this information for five years. We will also, under normal circumstances, not pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose

some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation, including any personal information. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

**Please tell us who you are (tick all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil           | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Carer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee         | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

What is your postcode? \_\_\_\_\_

Your views will help us decide if this proposal goes ahead. You can tell us your views by;

- Completing the online survey; <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/lionwoodsrb>
- Returning this completed form to the School Office at Lionwood Infant & Nursery School or Lionwood Junior School

**This consultation ends on 16 June 2023**