



## **Consultation Document: Lidget Green Primary School**

### **Sufficiency of Specialist places for Children and Young People with SEND Proposal to establish a Local Authority led Resourced Provision at Lidget Green Primary School, creating 22 places for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for Communication and Interaction including Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).**

The Local Authority has specific duties to ensure that there is sufficient specialist provision available for children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), where their EHCP determines that their needs should be met in specialist provision.

The Bradford District has experienced a significant increase in the number of children and young people with an EHCP requiring specialist provision, to ensure they are able to have their complex needs fully met and receive the specialist support that is required for them to thrive. It is projected that demand for specialist places will continue to grow across all sectors.

### **Lidget Green Primary School**

Lidget Green Primary School is a member of the Pennine Academies Yorkshire Multi Academy Trust.

Formed in 2018, Pennine Academies Yorkshire comprises of seven primary schools and considers every school that is part of the Trust a family member. Our values are centred around the diversity of our schools and how this strength can help all of us to grow together to provide the best possible outcomes for pupils, ensuring that every child makes exceptional progress in their academic and social development.

We have a particular care for our pupils who have additional needs. We recognise this is a growing area of need both locally and nationally. All schools in the family are wedded to the principles of inclusion. It therefore stands to reason we should make the maximum effort to make pupils with additional needs even more welcome, remove more barriers and ensure their future success. We host 3 SEND Resource Provisions. One designated for Communication Language Needs (inc ASD), one for Visual Impairment and one for pupils with Social and Emotional Health. The latter two are run in partnership with the Local Authority.

## **Why are we consulting?**

If a school wishes to make significant changes, such as changing the number and/or type of school places and/or where they are offered, they need to have a fair and open local consultation with relevant stakeholders.

After views have been sought and assessed the Academy school must then submit a Tier 1 Application to the Department for Education (DfE) which will then go to approval at the Regions Group.

## **What are we consulting on?**

This proposal is to establish a 22 place Local Authority led Resourced Provision at Lidget Green Primary School, for children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for Communication and Interaction including Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

## **Evidence of demand:**

Bradford District has experienced a significant increase in demand for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision over the past decade. It is projected that demand will continue to grow across all sectors, despite the decrease that we have seen in the birth rate within the Bradford district, regionally and nationally, the number of children and young people with an EHCP continues to rise.

The total number of children and young people aged 0-25 with an EHCP was 7309 in September 2024. This is up from 6259 the previous year in November 2023.

We have seen the number of EHCPs for school-aged children and young people doubled from 2579 in January 2019 to 5223 in September 2024.

Amongst primary-aged children with an EHCP, evidence shows communication and interaction needs are most prominent which the primary needs Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) fall broadly under. See the graph below which shows the three most prevalent needs on primary-aged children's EHCPs, September 2024.

Due to the increased number of EHCPs across the district we need to increase the number of specialist places, by creating more Special School places and Resourced Provisions to meet the needs of Bradford Children.

The Local Authority is working closely with Co-op Academies Trust to increase the number of places at Co-op Academy Delius. This is a special school that is co-located with Co-op Academy Princeville, a mainstream school.

Currently Co-op Academy Princeville host a Local Authority Led Resourced Provision for

Communication and Interaction (inc ASD). For the special school expansion to take place, the Resourced Provision will need to be closed and a new one established on another school site.

Lidget Green Primary School is less than 1 mile from Co-op Academy Princeville. If approved, the proposed Resourced Provision at Lidget Green will ensure there is no reduction in the specialist provision in this area.

### **How will this be achieved?**

Due to a previous organisational change (a reduction of the published admission number (PAN) in 2022), there are surplus classrooms at Lidget Green Primary School.

If approved, the plan is for the Local Authority to work closely with the Trust and Lidget Green Primary School to renovate and repurpose these surplus classrooms and facilities.

### **Who will fund and ensure the project is delivered?**

The Local Authority are supporting this and will project manage and fund this development from the High Needs Capital Funding.

This provision will be staffed and managed by the Local Authority.

### **How can I share my views?**

The consultation will be run from **Tuesday 6 May 2025 to Wednesday 28 May 2025** for you to share your views.

Please click on the link or QR Code below to open the survey and to share your views on the proposal:

[https://online1.snapsurveys.com/RPdev\\_LidgetGreen](https://online1.snapsurveys.com/RPdev_LidgetGreen)

Or you scan the QR code below.



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