Complete Proposal to develop a Mainstream Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Hub at Wragby Primary School

Matters to be specified in section 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. Proposals to make a prescribed alteration to a school.

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Implementation

The proposal is to add a SEND hub at Wragby Primary School, Silver Street, Wragby, Market Rasen, LN8 5PJ effective from September 2027. This proposal is being made to ensure children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can have their needs fully met at a mainstream school, as close to home as possible.

Alteration Description

The proposal under consideration is to provide Wragby Primary School, a mainstream school, with the addition of a SEND hub. This is in order to enhance provision to meet the needs of children and young people with moderate levels of speech, language and communication needs, cognition and learning needs and physical disabilities. Once complete, the SEND hub will provide children and young people with Education, Health, and Care plans (EHCPs), who are identified as suitable for a place, access to quality teaching in a local mainstream school thus fostering skills, independence, resilience, and readiness for the next stage of their educational journey and adulthood, whilst promoting a sense of belonging in their community.

School Capacity and Site

The schools published admissions number of 30 (the number of students the school admits each year in the mainstream classrooms) will not change as a result of these proposals. Alongside this, the proposed hub will have capacity for up to 10 places, each commissioned by the Local Authority (LA) via the formalised EHCP route, along with up to 3 places available for the host school to utilise at their discretion. There is no impact anticipated on the overall capacity of the site.

Accommodation will be remodelled to ensure the needs of the children within the SEND hubs can be effectively met. The proposed hubs will be subject to final approval and may be subject to planning permission, if required. If the proposal is approved, the necessary work will be carried out and the hub will be implemented from September 2027. These new facilities will benefit the children already on roll at the school as well as providing a suitable environment for pupils with SEND.

Objectives

To add a SEND hub at Wragby Primary School. The proposal to establish a mainstream SEND hub would provide children and young people with SEND, who do not require a special school place, access to a provision in a local mainstream school, which is specifically designed and resourced to meet their specific needs. Pupils whose complexity of need means they do not require specialist provision, may require a type of education different to that of a standard mainstream school. They may require enhanced facilities to allow for regular breaks to help regulate, they may require a differentiated curriculum provided by teaching staff specifically trained in SEND and they may require smaller class sizes and a more nurturing ethos.

Need for Places

A significant period of growth in SEND, both locally and nationally, has meant that the LA must identify further ways to meet its statutory duty to ensure that there are a sufficient number of places for children and young people with SEND. In accordance with the LA's strategic position that children and young people should, wherever possible, be educated in their local communities and giving due consideration to the Local Area's SEND and Alternative Provision (SENDAP) Inclusion Plan - Better Belonging Lincolnshire, the proposal to establish a mainstream SEND hub is a recommended priority for Lincolnshire County Council and the Local Area Partnership. This will help meet statutory sufficiency demands and deliver significant improvement to SENDAP in Lincolnshire.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Provision

The proposal aims to significantly enhance the educational experience of children and young people with SEND. The needs of pupils with SEND and their families have been central to the development of this type of provision with the primary aim of providing increased capacity to enable children and young people to be educated in the right place, at the right time, as close to home as possible.

Mainstream SEND hubs will offer greater opportunities for an inclusive education and by providing sufficient local SEND provision in mainstream settings, children and young people with SEND can develop a sense of belonging and be included in their local community.

The strategy in which these changes are proposed has been developed with the primary aim of enhancing the lives of children and young people with SEND.

Equal Opportunities

The primary equality consideration for mainstream SEND hubs is the protected characteristic of people with disabilities, as it proposes to significantly enhance the educational experience of children and young people with SEND. The needs of pupils with SEND and their families have been central to the development of this type of provision with the primary aim of providing increased capacity to enable children and young people to be educated in the right place, at the right time, and have a positive transition to adulthood and independence. In order to ensure pupils with SEND and their families' needs are considered throughout the strategy referenced above; Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) have been involved in its production. The LPCF have also represented the views of parent/carers of children and young people with SEND as a member of the Lincolnshire SEND Alliance and at all work streams focused on the implementation of this strategy. Mainstream SEND hubs will offer greater opportunities for an inclusive education.

Age and disability have been considered as protected characteristics with regards to pupils with SEND and their educational experience. All other protected characteristics relate specifically to the educational provision pupils receive within the school setting, which is not going to change as a result of the strategy.

Travel and Accessibility

The addition of the SEND hub places will allow for children with SEND to access additional places, closer to home thus potentially reducing travel time for these pupils. The impact of additional vehicles on the school site has been considered and will be mitigated if required. The proposed hubs would have no impact on the travel and accessibility of pupils in the mainstream provision at the school.

Access to mainstream SEND hubs will be through the existing EHCP process, either via Needs Assessment or Annual Review, where identification of suitability for a hub will take place.

Financial Implications and Costs

The proposals outlined will provide Lincolnshire with improved value for money in delivering SEND for its pupils.

The implementation of mainstream SEND hubs will support the LA to provide increased SEND places in mainstream settings and also strengthen the LA's mainstream SEND offer through the creation of hubs to support pupils in their local communities. These proposals will also provide more cost-effective solutions for expenditure of Lincolnshire's funding for pupils with SEND compared to the unfavourable market conditions faced with the independent placement market, whereby costs continue to rise.

Lincolnshire's Mainstream SEND Hubs are being funded from the Department for Education's High Needs Provision Capital Allocation which, for 2025/26 is £10.288m.

Consultation

In order for the school to make this change, the LA must follow the necessary statutory legal processes as required by the Secretary of State in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act (EIA) 2006 and updated by the Education Act 2011 together with the guidance of the Department for Education (DfE) regarding making prescribed alterations (October 2026).

Following the decision by the Executive Councillor, a statutory notice will be published in the local press on 18 November 2026 and also at the entrance gates of the school. The publication of this notice marks the start of the representation period of four weeks which will end on 16 December 2026. This period provides an opportunity for people and organisations to express their views and ensure that they are taken into account when the final decision is taken by the Executive Councillor by 16 February 2027.

Support, Objections and Comments

Any person or organisation may support, object to or make comments on the proposal by completing and submitting a short online survey at Let's Talk Lincolnshire or in writing to the School Organisation Planning Team, Children's Services, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Lincoln, LN1 1YL or by emailing schoolorganisation@lincolnshire.gov.uk to be received by the deadline of 16 December 2026.

What will happen next?

At the close of the 4 week representation period (statutory formal consultation) responses will be collated and analysed and a further report will be presented to the Executive Councillor for a final decision by 16 February 2027 on the proposed changes to the school.

Related Proposals

The prescribed alteration being consulted on is part of the LA's wider SEND strategy which includes the addition of further SEND hubs in the following LA maintained schools:

- Bardney Church of England and Methodist Primary School, Bardney, Lincoln
- Legsby Primary School, Legsby, Market Rasen
- Lincoln Birchwood Junior School, Lincoln
- The Lancaster School, Lincoln
- Woodlands Infant and Nursery School, Birchwood, Lincoln