

School Organisation Consultation Questions and Answers

Proposal to permanently expand Manor Mead School and change the school's designation from Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) to Severe Learning Difficulties and Autism (SLD/ASD)

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Special Educational Provision at Manor Mead School:

Manor Mead School is a specialist primary school with 83 planned places located in the borough of Spelthorne in Surrey. Manor Mead School has a single designation of Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD). The school was rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted in February 2015 and maintained this status from a short inspection carried out in June 2019. In September 2021 Surrey County Council in agreement with the Federation for Manor Mead and Walton Leigh temporarily expanded Manor Mead for two years on a satellite site located at Christchurch Road, Virginia Water in the borough of Runnymede.

Proposal:

Surrey County Council and The Federation of Manor Mead and Walton Leigh Schools are proposing that Manor Mead School will expand by 60 places, from 83 places to 143 places. It is also proposed that the school will change from a single designation of Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) to become dual designation of Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This 60-place expansion will be provided on a satellite site at Christchurch Road, Virginia Water. All students will have a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and will have an EHCP specifying the school as an appropriate placement to meet their individual needs.

Frequently Asked Questions

	Question	Response
1	How will the school manage the dual designation and will there be a mix of pupils with different primary needs in classes	<p>There will be 6 classes of 10 pupils age 4 – 11 years old across key stages 1 and 2 at the Virginia Water site. Pupils will be grouped according to age, individual needs and learning styles.</p> <p>The School will continue to provide a curriculum based on the needs of the individual pupils and focussed on developing communication skills and emotional, personal, and social development alongside the academic subjects.</p> <p>Currently there are 127 pupils currently on roll at the school. 40% of pupils have Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and 60% Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC) as their primary need. The change in designation will more accurately reflect the needs of pupils moving forward.</p> <p>Pupils are allocated places through the Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) consultation process under Section 43 of the Children and Families Act 2014 This means that pupils are placed at the right site that can best meet their needs.</p>
2	Will there be additional funding for the new site and additional pupils,	Capital Capital funding has been secured through the SEND Capital Budget, which was approved by

	<p>how will the school's current finances be protected?</p>	<p>Cabinet on 25 January 2022. Final project costs will be determined by feasibility.</p> <p>Revenue Manor Mead School will receive £10,000 per year for each agreed planned place commissioned (83 plus 60 places - 143 overall). The school will also receive a "top up" sum for each pupil in attendance and this sum is reviewed annually.</p> <p>School's current finances The Governing Body of the Federation of Manor Mead and Walton Leigh Schools undertook, as part of the original Expression of Interest process a deep dive into the financial implications of opening the satellite site for an initial period of two years. When the proposal to make the satellite site a permanent part of the federation was put forward, the Staffing and Finance committee of the Governing Body worked with the Executive Headteacher and federation Business Manager to undertake due diligence in relation to the financial impact and were satisfied that the existing budget would not be negatively impacted.</p>
3	<p>Will consideration be given to the increased need for therapy and health services to this school?</p>	<p>Yes, therapy teams and health provider services are partners in the SEND Capital Programme. The services that work with specialist schools will increase in capacity as additional places are created.</p> <p>Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Educational Psychologists, School Nurses and Portage work closely with the school. Information about the therapy teams who visit pupils at Manor Mead Primary School can be found on the school website.</p>
4	<p>Are there any plans for additional pupils and expansion on the current site?</p>	<p>There are no plans to expand the existing building or to change to the number of pupils attending the site in Shepperton.</p>
5	<p>Will any children who attend Manor Mead in Shepperton transfer to the new site in Virginia Water?</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>There is no change to the number of places on current Manor Mead site in Shepperton and therefore no change for learners currently at the school.</p>
6	<p>How will places at Manor Mead be allocated?</p>	<p>Pupils will be allocated a place at Manor Mead by Surrey County Council's SEND Admissions Team, as is the case for all Surrey resident</p>

		<p>pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)</p> <p>For further information please see the School Admissions Guidance for children with an EHCP, which is available on the Surrey County Council website.</p>
7	What will happen around transitioning to Secondary school?	<p>The school admissions guidance for children with an EHCP outlines the admissions process for pupils approaching key stage 3 (Year 7), which is the transition point from Primary to Secondary phases of education..</p> <p>Local authorities (“LAs”) have a legal duty to review and amend an EHCP when a child or young person transfers from one phase of education to another.</p> <p>For those transferring from Primary to Secondary school, the EHCP must be reviewed and amended by 15 February in the year of transfer.</p>
8	If a child is attending Manor Mead Virginia Water where will they transition to in September 2023?	<p>Pupils currently in Year R to Year 5 will remain at the Manor Mead school satellite site at Virginia Water. Pupils in Year 6 will transition to their new secondary school placements in readiness for a September 2023 start.</p>
9	How will transport be arranged for pupils	<p>Pupils attending Manor Mead Virginia Water may be eligible for travel assistance as described in the Home to School/College Travel Transport Policy</p> <p>Once a parent/carer has received an offer of a school place and believes their child is eligible for assistance with travel to school, they can apply by submitting an online application form on Surrey County Council’s website.</p>
10	The consultation analysis shows that 4 respondents mentioned negative impacts and/or concerns in the responses. Have these been addressed by the school and/or the local authority?	<p>3 out of the 4 responses that raised negative impacts and/or concerns have been addressed in this Questions and Answers document.</p> <p>One respondent proposal felt that the school could be improved by “<i>changing</i>” a member of staff. The comments came from a parent of a child who had previously attended the school. The issues were raised informally by the parent and dealt with by school staff at the time.</p> <p>The consultation analysis is available at www.surreysays.co.uk on the Statutory Notices consultation page.</p>

11	Where can I find out more information about the proposal?	<p>The Informal Consultation Paper is available on Surrey County Council's consultation website www.surreysays.co.uk.</p> <p>Statutory Notices will be published on www.surreysays.co.uk</p> <p>The website will be updated with the outcome of each consultation. The final decision will be recorded in the minutes of the Lead Cabinet Member for Education and Learning Meeting.</p>
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