

North Yorkshire Special Provision Capital Fund – proposals for 2018-19

(Summary to accompany DfE document: Special provision plan template for local authorities final draft (excel spreadsheet))

Introduction

North Yorkshire County Council has a statutory responsibility under the Children and Families Act 2014 to keep its special educational provision under review and to ensure there are enough places to meet the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). We need to work with parents/carers, young people and providers when we review provision.

We are currently developing an overarching strategic plan for educational provision for children and young people with SEND and we will publish this later in 2018.

To help develop SEND educational provision we will receive funding from the Government each year from 2018 to 2021. We will receive £500 000 in total from the Special Provision Capital Fund (SPCF). This funding has to be used to increase the number of places and improve facilities for children and young people who have Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). There are clear guidelines about how we can use this funding which can be found at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/635760/Special-Provision-Capital-Fund-Guidance.pdf . We cannot use it for things like training for school staff, or buying equipment such as computers.

So that we can receive the funding, we have to publish a plan for how we will use it by 14th March 2018, and then update and republish the plan each year over the three year period.

In January 2018 we published our proposals for using this funding, and we held a formal consultation from 8th January 2018 to 18th February 2018. We will publish the outcomes of this formal consultation at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/previous-consultations>.

We have now published the plan for the funding which is at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-specialist-support-and-provision>. We have used the format for the plan which the Government has given us. It shows our plan for how we will use the funding and the consultations we have carried out as we have been developing it.

How do we plan to use the funding?

During 2018 -19 we plan to use the first year of the funding for the following work:

| School | Planned work | Funding | Expected outcome |
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| Springwater School | Improving facilities including storage for large individual equipment | £40 000 | Increased independence for pupils and maximising staff time to work with pupils Additional teaching space |
| Springhead School | Range of work including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptations to ensure all primary and secondary pupils can be educated on site • Upgrading classroom facilities | £43 000 from SPCF plus £30 000 from school. | Increase in capacity of at least 6 places All primary and secondary pupils educated on main site. (Sixth Form pupils based at Lower Graham site) Improved independence and curriculum access for pupils Better staff deployment to work with pupils |
| The Dales School | Building works to create additional teaching space | £55 000 | Increase in capacity of at least 6 places Additional teaching/breakout space |
| The Forest School | Feasibility study | £25,000 | Identification of option to build capacity on the site for an additional 25 children |
| Total | | £163 000 | |

This will increase the number of places in special schools in North Yorkshire by 12 in the first year.

We still need to make a decision on how we will use the funding in years two and three. To do this we will take into account the findings of the feasibility study at The Forest School. At the moment we are suggesting that the remaining funding could be used for this project to increase the number of places by 25 at The Forest School. However we will consult again on this before the final decision is made.

Our overall strategic plan for SEND education provision

Our plan for the SPCF is only one part of the work on our plan for developing SEND educational provision in North Yorkshire.

We will be consulting on our overarching plan later this year. You can find out more information about this and keep up to date by going to <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-specialist-support-and-provision>