

Questions and Comments

17th July 2019 Shepshed SEMH Free School Consultation

Will the new school be built on the new housing estate? We explained that it is proposed it will be positioned on the Iveshead Campus and it is a discussion between the DFE, Leicestershire County Council on the exact location within the site.

How big will the class sizes be? Maximum of 8

How big will the school be? Maximum of 50 children

A Councillor expressed sadness that Iveshead lost the community aspect when it merged, and hopes to see the new school help to bring this back. Councillor believes that everyone need to have a unique education and this is a problem in a class of 30.

We explained that this is a Hub and Spoke model so we will be offering outreach training and support for the mainstream schools for these pupils and help a child in crisis, for example.

The Councillor would be pleased to see an increase in vocational training and pupils training up to work with their hands.

We explained that pupils will be given opportunities to gain maths and English to help them with life after school, but that the new SEMH school will support pupils with vocational skills.

Pleased that the Primary will remain on the campus and have more capacity and that there is plenty of room there and fields that could be added. There is a primary school going on Garendon Park housing development and there will certainly be the demand.

Comments received:

"I like the idea of this, it is ideal. It is the same sort of environment but in a wider campus so that there is something for everybody - good luck – I like it."

"I look forward to this coming to fruition"

Why has this school come about? Explained that Leicestershire County Council has identified the need for two specialist SEMH schools in the county. They applied to the Department for Education for funding. It is now for interested parties to apply to open the school.

What is the difference between an SEMH school and a Pru? It is about an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). Pupils attending the new school will need to have an EHCP.

We will follow the national curriculum but we change and adapt to meet the needs of pupils. We will offer opportunities to gain maths and English GCSEs and support pupils to access Apprenticeships and offer vocational skills courses.

What type of vocational skills? Personalised learning so it depends on what they want to do – sport, leisure, land-based studies, food, craft, employability, photography. However, this all depends on the cohort. We will build links with the local college and see what skills pupils will need and also organise work experience placements. We are used to working with parents and the child to meet their needs eg change the start times to reduce the timetable or create spaces. We intend to provide

services such as counselling, music therapy, art therapy, and other therapies dependant on what the child needs.

Location? Iveshead campus but where on the campus is not yet confirmed. It is a good community site.

What sort of children will you be catering for? 50 children with EHC plans for Social Emotional and Mental Health.

Talked through vision and curriculum and who C.I.T are.

A parent learnt about our drop in consultation via Leicestershire Parent Carer Forum and Nicky Morgan MP's social media page.

Comment Slips from Engagement event - 17th July 2019:

Comment - *"Interesting. Looking forward to seeing it implemented."*

