



Inspire Trust



Notice to consult on an extension to Thomas Rotherham College's Flexible Learning Centre

Proposal to extend the Flexible Learning Centre from 16-19 to 16-25

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In September 2019 Rotherham Council Cabinet approved a report setting out the Local Authority's proposals to increase the sufficiency of school / college places for children / young people with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Rotherham. Consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, coordinated and facilitated by the Local Authority, took place to establish need and provision requirements and with schools / academies and settings, in accordance with Department for Education guidance. A number of projects were identified across Rotherham to meet the needs identified within the 2019 SEND Sufficiency Strategy. As a consequence of this strategy, TRC opened a Flexible Learning Centre (FLC), offering L3 educational provision for a number of young people. The change at the college created up to 20 places per year for high functioning students with flexible and significant support needs, and will support the Post 16 SEND sufficiency strategy in the borough. The college is working alongside and with the support of Newman Special School in establishing this provision. TRC's FLC provision is not offered locally and will not impact upon other educational establishments in the borough or on the smooth and efficient running of the college.

All of the young people now attending the FLC have Educational Health Care Plans (EHCPs). These set out an entitlement to an educational provision through to the age of 25. It is the intention of TRC to extend the 16-19 FLC provision to those young people – effectively establishing a 16-25 provision rather than simply a 16-19 provision.

Trustees believe that this is the best way forward to build on the College's strengths and offer a provision that meets local need. Thomas Rotherham College has submitted an application to extend this provision to the Regional Delivery Directorate - Schools Group. We are now seeking views of staff, students, parents, partners and stakeholders on this development for education in the local area. The consultation period runs from Monday 27th June 22 to Monday 25th July 22.



All responses and representations must be received by the closing date.

Responses to the consultation may be made by email to: d.naisbitt@inspiretrust.uk or by writing to us CEO, Inspire Trust, Thomas Rotherham College, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2BE.

Inspire Trust is committed to... Educational Social Responsibility

We are committed to a value led educational provision.

Inspire Trust is an organisation driven by a desire to provide a truly outstanding and inspirational educational experience for all its pupils and students. Underpinning this aspiration, is an equal commitment to being a wonderful place to work and a valued and impactful community asset.

Since its journey began a decade ago, Inspire Trust has worked tirelessly to develop a strong ethos. Together, within this multi academy trust, we will work to inspire learners to achieve, for today, for tomorrow and into the future.

Through a process of engagement and collaboration, Inspire Trust has further developed this ethos, by encouraging each establishment to define their specific purpose in the development of the young people they support:

- Inspiring lives, creating possibilities, shaping futures - Sitwell Junior School
- Inspired to achieve - Oakwood High School
- A tradition of achievement - a future of opportunity - Thomas Rotherham College

Underpinning this ethos, Inspire Trust has embedded a set of common values that are believed in and shared, by the trusts, staff, pupils, and trustees, these are;

***Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, Resilience,
Reflection, Risk taking and Relationships***