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September 2023 Two Rivers High School Consultation Document Increased Pupil Numbers

What is being proposed

Two Rivers High School ('the School') is proposing to increase its number of places and available capacity for SEND places. This is an exciting opportunity to allow us to grow our school community and to support more children access education in a way that best meets their needs.

Why it is being proposed

The increased capacity number is being proposed due to the increased demand for special placements at the School. Our good work and standard of delivery are valued by SEND officers seeking to place children assessed as needing a special setting. The expansion has mostly been driven by conversations had with the Staffordshire local authority. The School works closely with Staffordshire, and they have expressed a clear desire to work further with us and to assist them in ensuring their respective Local Offers are robust and meeting demand. Our ambition is to grow and to support more children as they continue their journey through education with the correct support.

Due to existing demand from various local authorities, the School has already exceeded its original capacity figure of 200 pupils, and pupil numbers currently sit at 243. Such has been the commitment of the Staffordshire local authority to our expansion, they have previously funded capital works to help us create additional classrooms and take more pupils.

If the School's proposals are approved, this capacity figure will be further increased to 260. The School is therefore seeking approval for the changes thus far, and approval for further expansion. This will not only enable the School to support more pupils with SEND needs, but will also improve the experience of existing pupils.

How it may change the school

It is expected that the School may be able to offer 260 places (including those already attending) if the proposed increase moves ahead as planned. All capital works have already been completed, and so no further work is anticipated to be required if the changes are approved.

The School would benefit from the improved facilities and learning environment for pupils across all key stages. Additional facilities would support improved delivery of education and wellbeing services to pupils, as well as helping pupils progress and achieve their targeted outcomes.

The further increases to the present capacity number will not dilute the school experience for existing pupils, and indeed the expansion of our offer and additional resources should enable a higher quality experience for all pupils at School.

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Our increased capacity number will require additional staffing resource which will add to our team and the experience we can draw down on in our quest to improve the School.

The School will also be recruiting to meet the increased needs that come with additional pupils as supported by their respective education, health and care plans. This ensures we are building on our capacity and not reducing our available resource. Preliminary steps have already been taken to commence the recruitment process to strengthen our teaching resources in readiness for our plans for growth.

When is it proposed that the changes will be made/work will commence?

It is anticipated that the proposed increase in capacity will allow us to start take an increase in number from September 2023. Where there is pressing need to support children, we may accept pending applications where we are already working with local SEND teams, subject to permission being granted by the Advisory Board.

Responses

Should you have any feedback or questions that you wish to raise arising out of this consultation, please submit them to gail.brindley@tworiversschool.net or you may post the responses to Two Rivers High School, Torc Campus, Silver Link Road, Glascote Heath, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 2HJ.

All feedback and questions must be received on or before Friday 21st April 2023. The Trust will endeavor to publish its responses to matters raised within 2 weeks of the consultations closure. These responses will be published on our website for ease of access to stakeholders.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G Brindley', written in a cursive style.

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