

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO MAKE A PRESCRIBED ALTERATION TO BARBARA PRIESTMAN SCHOOL, MEADOWSIDE, SUNDERLAND SR2 7QN

Sunderland City Council – Children's Services

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Sunderland City Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Barbara Priestman School, Meadowside, Sunderland SR2 7QN from 1st September 2009.

The proposals are to change the age range of pupils from 3 – 19 years to 11 – 19 years of age and also to change the special needs provision from Children with Physical Difficulties and Associated Learning Difficulties to that of Children with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Significant Complex Learning Difficulties. Existing pupils will complete their education at Barbara Priestman School under the school's current designation.

The proposed changes will better reflect the ages and needs of current and future pupils in the City. Improved access will also be made for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Significant Complex Learning Difficulties to education and associated services including the curriculum, specialist staff, wider school activities, facilities and equipment by providing an extension to the continuum of provision currently in place in the City. The proposed changes will also provide an improved supply of suitable places, including extending to post 16 provision, to meet the needs of these pupils.

The current capacity for Barbara Priestman School is 100. There is no alteration in capacity of the school.

The current number on roll is 90. From September 2009 there will be 96 on roll. It is anticipated that up to 13 pupils will be admitted in year 7.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: The Director of Children's Services, Sunderland City Council, Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR2 7DN for the attention of Glynis McManus. Tel 0191 561 2235.

Within six weeks from the date of the publication of this proposal any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the Director of Children's Services, Sunderland City Council, Civic Centre, Sunderland SR2 7DN for the attention of Glynis McManus.

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