



## **Consultation Details**

Consultation Launch: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023  
Consultation End: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## **Contact Information**

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## **School Details**

Keyham Lodge is an outstanding specialist provision for 122 pupils located in the Leicester City area. Specialising in Social, Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) and working alongside the DfE as a Lead Behaviour Hub, Keyham Lodge works to develop positive behaviour cultures so that pupils can learn and thrive in environments that are focused on maximising opportunities, removing barriers, and improving outcomes.

## **Proposal**

### **Description of Alteration**

Discovery Trust are consulting on the opening of a satellite provision of Keyham Lodge, based within Leicester College. The satellite will offer 18 places for SEMH pupils, effective from September 2023. This will increase the school's capacity from 122 to 140 places.

### **Evidence of Demand**

Findings of a recent SEMH review, commissioned by the Local Authority, it has been forecasted that there will be a total increase in place required by 2027-2028 of 259 over the baseline numbers in 2021. Whilst the peak comes in 2027-2028, there is a consistent and significant increase in the next 3 years. These findings highlight the need for the Local Authority to expand SEMH places in the City.

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## **Rationale**

There are currently a high number of unplaced pupils with a diagnosis of SEMH who have an EHCP within the Leicester City Area. To support reducing this number, Keyham Lodge School has been asked by the Local Authority to take on additional pupils.

The current Keyham Lodge site is at capacity and therefore, to enable the Local Authority to reduce the number of unplaced SEMH pupils within the City and meet the additional demand for a specialist provision for this very specific cohort, the Local Authority have supplied an additional venue at Leicester College that Keyham Lodge can educate pupils from.

This satellite provision will be an essential first step in meeting the shortfall in places in the local area by providing additional places for SEN pupils to be educated in a high-quality provision instead of having to be sent out of area.

The sites will help to:

- Provide a much-needed expansion of placements to an already outstanding provision.
- Support young people to develop skills in preparation for adulthood in educational settings away from the main school site.
- Support the development of social skills, community inclusion and preparing for further education, training, or employment.

If this expansion of placements is not approved, then continued increase in demand will lead to children staying in mainstream settings for longer than they should and not getting the specialist support and teaching that they require. The LA will also have to look at commissioning additional placements in independent settings, which cost considerably more and increasing the overspend on the high needs budget.

## **The effect on other educational institutions within the local area**

There will be no negative impact on other educational provisions as the satellite is being proposed in response to the current needs of the displaced pupils. There will be less pupils who need educational placements out of area due to this increase in capacity, however this has benefits to the costs of the educational provision for these students and they can remain in their local communities.

## **Other Considerations**

### **Location**

This satellite provision based across two rooms, 74 -76, Charles St, Leicester LE1 1FB, will be leased by the Leicester City Council to the Trust on a lease until 2027.

### **Pupil transition**

There will be no negative impact on the pupils currently at the school. Admissions will continue to be made through the LA SEND panel process and the satellite provision will provide additional support to children within the setting with SEMH.

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## **Staffing, HR, and training**

Current Keyham Lodge employees will be located at the satellite provision, thus there will be no significant impact on staffing other than building suitable capacity within the current Keyham Lodge Team. The satellite provision will adhere to the same practices, policies and systems as the main site and be overseen by a senior leader.

## **Local Transport**

Local Transport links will allow easy access to and from the provision for pupils and staff. The opening of the satellite will not negatively impact upon transport within the local area for members of the public.

## **Implementation Plan**

As part of the decision-making process to open a satellite hub, a consultation on the proposed changes will run for a period of four weeks from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, seeking the views of all interested parties.

The Trust will consider all comments received during the consultation period before reaching a decision on whether to proceed with a significant change request to be submitted to the Regional Schools Commissioner. If the change is agreed, it is proposed that it would come into effect from September 2023.

## **Share Your Thoughts**

I would be grateful if our local community members, both inside and outside of our schools would share their views and opinions; if you have any questions, would like more information, or wish to make a comment on this proposal, you can contact Discovery using the following methods.

Complete our online feedback form: <https://forms.office.com/e/NTpGud9rus>

Alternatively, any comments can be emailed to [consultation@discoverytrust.org](mailto:consultation@discoverytrust.org)

Please could all responses be returned by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Thank you and best wishes.

Chris Bruce, Deputy CEO Discovery Trust

