



Consultation on a proposed 20 place SEND Resource Base at Bursar Primary Academy

Consultation period: 4th February – 6th March 2026

Background

There has been an increase in pupils in the school age population, both nationally and across North East Lincolnshire, who have additional or special educational needs. Because of this, there's a greater demand for special school places across the age range.

Right now, special school places are oversubscribed, particularly in respect of cognition & learning and communication & interaction. The Council have worked with partners across the region to create more places, enhance what's already available, and support the needs of children with SEND and their families.

One of the strategies that the Council has explored is the development of 'resource-based provisions' where pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan attend a mainstream school whilst also being able to access specialist provision according to need.

Bursar Primary Academy currently has 300 pupils aged 3-11 on roll and moved to a new site in 2018. The school is Ofsted rated 'Good'.

Specific Proposal

Humber Education Trust, Bursar Primary Academy and North East Lincolnshire Council, propose to open a 20-place resource-based provision at the school, catering for pupils with cognition and learning and/or communication and interaction needs.

The additional space will be created by remodelling existing, unused space within the building.

Under these proposals, the provision would open in January 2027.

The proposed adaptations will be undertaken and funded by North East Lincolnshire Council.

Disruption to the school site will be kept to a minimum and places in the provision will be commissioned by the Council through the annual review and allocations process.

Why?

There are more school-age children who require specialist support, and there aren't enough spaces in specialist schools. All local special schools are currently oversubscribed and despite increases in the number of places available in resource-based provisions on the site of mainstream schools, there is still a need for more specialist places to be available for local children.

Opening a resource-based provision at Bursar Primary Academy will support the sufficiency difficulties faced by the Council and enable more pupils with special educational needs to be provided with a suitable education close to their home.

It's important that every child living in North East Lincolnshire has the opportunity to go to school in their home town.

How you can give your views

We are asking for your views on these proposals. You are invited to submit comments about the proposal within the consultation period of Wenesday **4th February – 6th March 2026**. Responses should be submitted to: Mr. Gavin Barley – Chair of Trustees, Humber Education Trust, using the form below.

Consultation responses will be considered by the trustees of Humber Education Trust prior to any significant change application being submitted to the Department for Education.

Designation (please tick):

Parent/Carer	
Staff	
Governor	
Resident in catchment area	
Educational establishment in local area	
Other (please specify)	

Do you support the proposed plans for a 20 place Resource Based Provision at Bursar Primary Academy?

Yes, I support it	
No, I do not support it	
I don't know	

Reasons for supporting / not supporting the proposal, or further comments:

Signed _____

Date _____

Please return by Friday 6th March 2026 to:

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