

Brighton & Hove City Council

Statutory Notice: Proposals to discontinue Cedar Centre Community Special School and to enlarge the capacity and change the SEN designation of Downs View Community Special School

Notice is given in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (“the Act”) that Brighton & Hove City Council, (“the Local Authority”), Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 3BQ intends to implement the following proposals:

Part 1: Discontinuation of Cedar Centre Community Special School, Lynchet Close, Brighton BN1 7FP so that a combined hub offering improved integrated education and health and care offer can be created.

In accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 the Local Authority proposes to discontinue Cedar Centre Community Special School with effect from 31 August 2018.

It is intended that pupils attending Cedar Centre Special School at the time of closure will be offered places in Downs View Special School which, subject to Part 2, will enlarge its capacity, becoming the integrated hub from 31 August 2018.

This proposal will only take effect in conjunction with the proposals set out in Part 2. Neither part will be implemented separately.

Part 2: Prescribed changes to Downs View Community Special School, Warren Road, Brighton BN2 6BB from 1 September 2018 to create the integrated hub.

In accordance with section 19(1) of the Act it is intended to make the following prescribed alterations to Downs View Community Special School:

- (i) Enlarge the capacity of the school;
- (ii) Change the SEN designation to ‘severe and complex needs.’

Downs View is currently registered for 124 pupils. It is proposed to increase the capacity of the school to 200 which would include the number of registered places at Cedar Centre Community Special School. It is proposed that the increase in capacity will be achieved by initially utilising the premises of the former Cedar Centre Community Special School until the accommodation on the Downs View site is extended. It is also proposed that Downs View Community Special School will change its name.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Edd Yeo at Brighton & Hove City Council, Hove Town Hall Norton Road, Hove BN3 3BQ or by contacting him on 01273 294354 or via email at edd.yeo@brighton-hove.gov.uk. The Full Proposal is also on the Local Authority’s website and can be found at <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/statutory-notices>.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (i.e. by 28 July 2017), any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them by email to sendreview@brighton-hove.gov.uk, by post to SEND Team, Room 204, Brighton & Hove City Council, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ or by leaving a telephone message on 01273 293232.

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