

COMPLETE PROPOSAL

**PRESCRIBED ALTERATION
TO COLTON HILLS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL FROM
1 SEPTEMBER 2027**

**CITY OF
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Introduction

The City of Wolverhampton Council (the Council) as the Local Authority for Wolverhampton is consulting on a proposed change to Colton Hills Community School (the School). This document describes what is being proposed and why.

Local Authority Information

City of Wolverhampton Council

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School Information

Type:	Community School		
Name:	Colton Hills Community School	DFE Number:	336/4133
Address:	Jeremy Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV4 5DG		
Ward:	Blakenhall		
Age Range:	11 – 18 Years		
Gender:	Mixed	Current Capacity:	1198
Last Ofsted:	November 2023	Rating:	Good

What changes are proposed?

The Council is proposing to carry out the following change to the School:

Establish a 20-place Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Resource Base** to enable the school to support the increased demand for specialist places.

Why do we want to do this?

Background:

This proposed Resource Base will provide additional school places in the city for secondary pupils with SEMH needs, thereby enabling pupils to attend a school near to where they live, give them the opportunity to learn alongside their peers in a resourced facility where they can benefit from the expertise of a wider range of educators and support services.

Evidence of Demand:

Demand for specialist school places has risen significantly in recent years and there has been an increase in the number of children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP). At present Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) is one of the most common primary needs for children who have an EHCP.

When will these changes happen?

Following this consultation period, if the proposal is approved by the decision maker the changes will be implemented from 1 September 2027.

***We acknowledge that under the proposed legislation changes, Resource Bases will be known as Inclusion Bases in the future.*

Will there be any effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area?

There are not expected to be any adverse effects on other schools, as the proposed Resource Base will provide much needed specialist places. The proposal is likely to have a positive effect by allowing more pupils access to a specialist school place.

The Council remains committed to ensuring that future school places are developed in areas where they are most needed, enabling children to attend schools closer to home and within their local communities.

How will this affect pupils at the school?

To maintain educational continuity and ensure that all pupils continue to thrive, the school may choose to adapt its organisational structure—such as timetabling, use of shared spaces, or staffing arrangements—but these decisions will be made by the school leadership in response to the evolving needs of the school community. Importantly, the Resource Base is designed to complement existing provision, and its presence is expected to enrich the learning environment by fostering greater understanding, diversity, and collaboration among pupils.

How will this affect staff at the school?

The school is already well-equipped to support pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), demonstrating a strong commitment to inclusion and tailored learning. Existing SEND and inclusion provision is delivered through The Hills, The Bridge and Zen facilities. An experienced staff team provide targeted, individualised support to meet the diverse needs of students, ensuring they can thrive academically and socially.

As a result of the proposed Resource Base, the School may need to appoint additional staff trained to support the needs of the pupils allocated to the provision. The responsibility for the future organisation, deployment and duty of care of staff rests with the Headteacher and the Governing Body.

Will there be changes to the school building?

As you may be aware the school will be permanently expanded from September 2027. The expansion scheme will include a new building on the school site – the proposed Resource Base is planned to be within this building.

What are the project costs for this proposal and how is it funded?

The funding for the proposed expansion will come from the Local Authority's High Needs Budget. £610,700 has been allocated for this project.

Will this definitely happen?

There is a statutory process to be followed when making these sorts of changes to schools. Following this statutory consultation, the proposal will be presented to the Council's Cabinet in December 2026; they are the decision maker for this type of proposal.

It is only after a decision and right of referral period (whereby certain bodies have a right to appeal the final decision) has taken place will we be able to say with certainty whether the

proposal will be implemented. The decision will be published on the Consultation Portal on 14 December 2026 and stakeholders will be notified.

What will happen if this proposal is rejected?

If the proposal for the 20-place Resource Base is not approved, alternative and additional places would need to be sourced from other schools, which could have a negative impact on pupils out of school and on travel arrangements to other provision.

How do I comment on this proposal?

We welcome any responses to consultation and interested parties are invited to object to, support or comment on the proposal in one of the following ways.

Any responses must be received no later than 11 October 2026.

You can comment online via:

<https://consultation.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education/chcs-send-resource-base>

You can write to us:

- By email: school.organisation@wolverhampton.gov.uk
- By letter:
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What happens next?

The dates set out below meet the government requirements for the Council to consult fully with the people affected by the proposal.

Key Dates

Action	Date
Statutory notice published	14 September 2026
Start of 4-week consultation period	14 September 2026
End of 4-week consultation period	11 October 2026
Final decision deadline	9 December 2026
Publication of decision	14 December 2026
Changes implemented	1 September 2027

Stakeholders consulted:

Colton Hills Community School: governors, staff, parents/carers and pupils

Local Councillors

Members of Parliament

Local Diocesan Authorities

Other/Neighbouring Local Authorities

Trade Unions