

10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Consultation on Building Communities of Specialist Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Lincolnshire**

You will already have received a joint letter from the school and Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) informing you of the start of the consultation period about possible changes to enhance the provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Lincolnshire. You may also have seen or heard news items on Look North and BBC Radio Lincolnshire regarding this too.

The proposed plans for special schools and SEND provision are both ambitious and exciting. Both I, and the other Head Teachers of Lincolnshire's special schools, have been discussing and influencing the development of the strategy for the last 18 months. We are confident that the plans for the future will bring about real and lasting improvements for pupils across Lincolnshire.

It is important that you are aware of what Lincolnshire County Council and special school providers are suggesting in their strategy. You can find out more details by going to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/SENDcommunities](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/SENDcommunities). Please make any comments and suggestions you feel should be considered before any final decisions are made. The closing date for consultation is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

***To further inform you of what is planned and how this may affect The Garth and Priory Schools, we will be hosting two consultation events. The first of these will be at The Priory School on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 5 p.m. in the school hall. The other will be at a Parent/Carer Coffee morning on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10 a.m. at The Garth. These sessions will cover the reasons for change, the proposals and a capture of your views.***

Any parent or carer who would prefer to meet more individually with me as part of this consultation is welcome to contact the office to arrange a time.

I have attached a useful guide providing an overview of the strategy. To access the interactive features of this you can visit either the school's or council's website.

Yours sincerely,



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