



Southview School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Consultation on proposed expansion of Southview School

I am writing to you to inform you and seek your views on our plans to expand the sixth form/post 16 provision at Southview by 24 places; in addition we are proposing to create ten residential places and a new hydrotherapy pool.

These proposals have been developed in partnership with Essex County Council in order to support the need for additional places for children and young people with physical and neurological impairment and to provide them with the facilities that will enable them to thrive.

Southview School is a member of the Hope Trust. The trustees see the proposed expansion of the school and development of residential facilities as an opportunity to meet the increasing demand for places within the local area, whilst continuing to offer an excellent education to all students.

Southview School currently has a published capacity for 60 children and young people. The proposed expansion would be fully funded by Essex County Council and is proposed to be completed in time for the September 2023 academic year.

This consultation is an opportunity to express your views and ask questions on the proposal to increase the school's capacity; your contributions will help inform our decisions and will reflect within our subsequent application to the Department for Education.

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid 19 pandemic we are unable to issue invitations to formal consultation meetings, however, we would encourage responses, via email, letter or telephone. To support this we have set up the following means of communication, emailing admin@southview.essex.sch.uk or leaving an answerphone message on 01376 503505, or written communication posted to Southview School, Conrad Road, Witham CM8 2TA. We will acknowledge all responses and reply to any queries or required clarification points.

This letter and feasibility plans can be found on the school website, www.southview.essex.sch.uk. The consultation period starts on 23rd February 2021 and closes on 23rd March 2021.

The final decision as to whether the school expands will be made by the Regional Schools Commissioner on behalf of the Department for Education following the submission of a Significant Change Application by the Trust.

This consultation document is sent electronically to all parents/carers, trustees, local governors, teachers and support staff who are part of the Southview School community. Electronic copies will also be sent to headteachers of the neighbouring schools in the planning area, ward councillors, MPs, community groups and users of the school site, unions and relevant officers of Essex County Council and Braintree District Council.

Yours sincerely,

Julian Cochrane
Head Teacher.