

# Consultation Proposal

<b>Local Authority: Blackburn with Darwen</b>	
<b>School: Shadsworth Infant School</b>	
<b>Proposal:</b> Consultation on the proposed addition of a resourced provision at Shadsworth Infant School for students aged 4 to 11.	
<b>Date of Implementation:</b> September 2023	
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## Why are we consulting?

The "Making significant changes ('prescribed alterations') to maintained schools, January 2023" informs that Blackburn with Darwen as the Admissions Authority for Shadsworth Infant School are required to undertake statutory consultation to make an addition of a resourced provision at the school. The Local Authority is keen to hear parents, carers and other interested stakeholders views on the proposal.

## Requirements for Notification and Publication

The "Making significant changes ('prescribed alterations') to maintained schools 2023" can be found at: [Making significant changes \('prescribed alterations'\) to maintained schools \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

## Background

Currently Shadsworth Infant School operates as a 3 to 7 year old intake nursery and infant school. This means that the school admits children from nursery age until they reach junior school age.

Evidence of Demand: Blackburn with Darwen has had a shortfall of places in resourced provisions, special schools, and pupil referral units, approximately 100 students are placed out of the Local Authority.

## Demographic Information

Housing: Between 2023 and 2029 there is a forecasted projection of 900 new houses to be developed in the area.

Population: The school continues to allocate all reception class places each September. Locally and nationally the number of students with an EHCP is on the rise.

## Specific Proposal

The local authority, as the admissions authority for Shadsworth Infant School, proposes to add an additional resourced provision for students aged 4 to 11 with effect from September 2023, in a purpose built extension to the existing Infant School.

Places in the resourced provision will not impact on the Infant Schools Published Admissions Numbers.

The proposal will not negatively affect staff currently employed to work at Shadsworth Infant School.

The local authority, as the admissions authority, will consider any views from the consultation exercise before making any decision on the proposal.

## How would this Increase Educational Standards?

Most students with special educational needs and/or disabilities can generally be supported in mainstream schools, however a number of students are unable to access the National Curriculum at age related expectations. The resourced provision provides an opportunity for those students to get a full well-rounded education in a setting which is more suited to their needs.

## What is the Impact on other Educational Institutions?

The addition of a resourced provision would have no impact on other local infant, primary and junior schools. In relation to the impact on other resourced provisions, special schools and pupil referral units, it would positively impact as it would decrease place pressure in those institutions.

## Who are we consulting with?

During this consultation period, we want to seek views from:

- Parents and carers of children already attending the school;
- School staff;
- Trade unions;
- School Governors;
- Primary, infant and junior schools (including any associated Academy Trust) in Blackburn with Darwen;
- Councillors and MP's;
- Resourced provisions, special schools and pupil referral units;
- Relevant local authority departments.

### Timeline for the Consultation Period

Date	Action
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Start of the consultation.
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	End of the consultation period/deadline for submitting views to the Local Authority.
June 2023	Analysis of consultation views and preparation of information to be considered by the LA.
June 2023	Head teacher to present the consultation outcomes to Shadsworth Infant School governing body.
June 2023	Executive member decision meeting to consider views and agree future arrangements.

### When would any Changes come into Effect?

If a decision to create a resourced provision for students aged 4 to 11, at Shadsworth Infant School is agreed and approved; the arrangements would be introduced from September 2023 onwards.

### Projected Costs

Each place within the resourced provision is commissioned and funded by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

### Implementation

The Local Authority as the Admissions Authority would, if the proposal was successful, begin taking applications for students aged 4 to 11 for admission to the resourced provision during the summer term, for admission in September 2023.

### How to Respond

This consultation will run from **18<sup>th</sup> April 2023** (a period of 7 weeks). **The consultation has been extended by 3 weeks to ensure people have further opportunity to comment, should they wish to do so.** You are invited to submit views in writing about the proposal above to the Local Authority. You can share your views via this online form [Online Response Form](#) , or send by post or email to the following addresses –

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 Pupil Support & Admissions Team,  
 Children's Services & Education Department,  
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 Blackburn,  
 Lancashire,  
 BB2 1DH.  
 Phone: 01254 666605  
 Email: [admissions@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@blackburn.gov.uk)

All views must be received by **5pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**. Views received after this specified time and date will not be considered.

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