

Lindsworth School

Proposal to:
Remove the Boarding Provision

April 2026

Introduction

Birmingham City Council (the Council), as the Local Authority for Birmingham, is publishing a statutory proposal to make changes to Lindsworth School (the School), which is a Council maintained special school.

The School is commissioned for 160 places for pupils between Year 4 and Year 11 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.

The school has boarding provision on the school site.

School Information:

Type:	Special School (Local Authority Maintained)		
Name:	Lindsworth School	DfE:	330/7062
Address:	Monyhull Hall Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 3QA		
Ward:	Druids Heath & Monyhull	Constituency:	Selly Oak
Year groups:	Year 4 to Year 11 (9 to 16)	Sixth Form:	NA
Gender:	Mixed	Pupil Places:	160
Last Ofsted:	December 2024	Ofsted Rating	Good

What changes are proposed?

We are proposing to carry out the following change to Lindsworth School:

- Remove boarding provision
- With effect from 1st April 2027

Why do we want to do this?

Background:

- The School has not admitted pupils with an EHCP for a boarding place for several years.
- There are currently no pupils on roll at Lindsworth that require boarding provision as part of their EHCP.
- Currently the residential accommodation on site is not used for overnight provision.
- BCC is continuing to fund the unfilled boarding places from the High Needs Funding Block, which equates to £450,120 for the year 2025 / 26.

If the boarding provision is removed:

- The associated High Needs funding can be reallocated.
- The residential accommodation can be repurposed to enhance the education of the wider school population.
- A financial analysis of the School's expenditure on the residential provision (including staffing and all other expenses) will be carried out.

When will these changes happen?

If the proposal is approved by the decision maker (following full consultation) it is intended that the proposal to remove the boarding provision will be implemented on 1st April 2027.

How will this affect pupils at the school?

There are no pupils on roll at the School with boarding provision as part of their EHCP. The current residential accommodation has been utilised by pupils for extra-curricular, extended day activities and support (these pupils do not have boarding provision as part of their EHCP). These activities extend up to 7:30pm between Monday and Thursday each week. The facility will remain available for use by the School to support its pupils as appropriate.

Evidence of demand

There have been no pupils requiring boarding provision as part of their EHCPs on roll at the School for several years and there is no evidence of current demand for boarding provision at the School.

Birmingham's SEND Sufficiency Strategy for 2024–2030 does not include any requirement for residential provision in maintained or academy special schools.

How will this affect staff?

The School employs several staff associated with the residential provision. Both the Council and the School recognise the potential workforce implications. If the proposal to close the residential provision is approved, those staff affected, along with relevant trade unions and professional associations, will be fully consulted at the earliest opportunity, and options will be explored to minimise adverse impact, including redeployment opportunities and use of natural turnover where possible. Any changes will be managed in accordance with employment law and HR policies.

Will there be changes to the school building?

There are no direct changes to the buildings required to remove boarding provision from the education offered by the School. If the boarding provision is removed, it is intended that the current residential spaces will be repurposed to enhance provision for the wider school population, subject to any relevant approvals.

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

There are no anticipated project costs for removing the boarding provision that will need to be financed by the School. Any repurposing of the residential facility spaces would be supported by the Council, with any additional and relevant approvals.

Will this definitely happen?

No, there is a statutory process we must follow to make these sorts of changes to schools. This document is the statutory proposal for the Representation Period. Before publication of this statutory proposal, the Council carried out a pre-publication consultation from 9th March 2026 to 27th March 2026.

During the Pre-publication consultation period (9th March 2026 to 27th March 2026), 11 responses were received, comprising 5 parent / carer responses and 6 staff responses. Of these, 2 were in favour of the proposal, 8 were opposed, and 1 were neither / did not know.

Comments received during the Pre-publication consultation period referred to a number of things that need to be considered. Some common themes are listed below as follows:

- Removal of boarding provision provides an opportunity to redirect the funding to better support the wider school population.
- Removal of boarding provision and the impact on the current use of the residential accommodation for extended-day support, which benefits both pupils and families and the wider impact on the families if this support is no longer available.
- The importance of ensuring that the building continues to be used effectively for the benefit of the pupils and not just left empty and unused.
- Consideration being given to other options and proper assessments of the impacts prior to a decision being made.

Following completion of the Statutory Proposal 'Representation Period' and within two months of the end of the process, the Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families will be required to make a decision. It is only at that point that we will be able to say whether the boarding provision will be removed.

What will happen if this proposal is rejected?

If this proposal is rejected, Lindsworth School will remain a special school with a designation for boarding provision. The School will still have to maintain and resource the residential spaces, and the Council will continue to allocate High Needs funding to the School.

How can I make my views known?

We invite all interested parties to provide comments or raise concerns on this proposal to enable consideration of these as part of the decision-making process.

Please note any comments must be received no later than **21st May 2026**. Any comments received in this formal stage - Part 2 Representation Period will be included in the information provided to the decision maker to enable a decision to be made.

You can comment online via:

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/lindsworthschoolst10198statpub>

By letter, or by completing and sending the attached comments form to:
School Organisation Team, Education Infrastructure, PO Box 15843, Birmingham B2 2RT
or by email to: ediproperty@birmingham.gov.uk

(please include: **Lindsworth SOT10198** in all correspondence)

What happens next?

The dates set out below include both the completed pre-publication consultation stage and the statutory Representation Period.

Key dates

Action	Date
Part-1 Pre-publication period starts	9 th March 2026 - completed
Part-1 Pre-publication period ends	27 th March 2026 - completed
Part-2 Representation period starts	23 rd April 2026
Part-2 Representation period ends	21 st May 2026
Part-2 Representation period – Drop In Sessions at school (timings tbc)	13th May 2026
Decision deadline no later than	21st July 2026
Implementation Date	1st April 2027

Groups consulted:

- Lindsworth School: governors, staff, parents / carers and pupils
- Birmingham City Council colleagues and services
- NHS partners
- Local Councillor(s) and Member(s) of Parliament
- Birmingham Schools
- Local Archdiocese / Diocese
- Other / Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Trade Unions / Professional Associations

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Thank you for taking the time to send us your thoughts on this proposal.

Consultation Response Form

Please help us to analyse your response by completing the following:

Your name (optional): _____

Your contact details (optional): _____

Are you in favour of the proposal (please select one answer)?

Yes	No	Neither / Don't know
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What type of stakeholder are you (please select one answer)?

Pupil at Lindsworth School	
Parent / Carer of pupil(s) Lindsworth School	
School Governor of Lindsworth School	
School Staff at Lindsworth School	
Local Resident	
Elected Birmingham Councillor	
Member of Parliament	
Other (please describe)	

Please provide your comments on the proposal.

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