



## **PROPOSAL TO EXPAND BEACONSIDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, PENRITH**

**Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (prescribed alterations to maintained schools) (England) Regulations 2016.**

### **1. Name of Proposing Body and the Affected Educational Establishment**

The proposing body is Westmorland and Furness Council, School Organisation Team, Post Box 305, Kendal, LA9 9GZ.

The affected Educational Establishment is Beaconside Church of England Primary School, Hutton Hill, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 8EN. This is a voluntary aided Church of England School.

### **2. Description of Alteration**

Westmorland and Furness Council is proposing to establish key stage two resource provision at Beaconside Church of England Primary School. This will create 14 new school places designated for children with physical and/or medical needs.

### **3. Evidence of Demand**

The council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for children within this area. This proposal is intended to ensure that Penrith has sufficient school places for local children. Recent new housing developments in Penrith will add to the numbers of school aged children living in Penrith. The Local Authority's Special Educational Needs and Disability Service is facing increasing pressures arising from an increased demand for specialist education placements.

### **4. Objectives of Proposal**

The objectives of the proposal are to:

- Increase the number of resource provision places in the Penrith area.
- Ensure that the children attending the Key Stage One resource provision at Beaconside Church of England Primary school will also have the opportunity to continue their Key Stage 2 phase education at the school without the requirement for transition to another setting.
- Enable this cohort of children to be educated alongside their peer group whilst receiving any specialist support that is required.

## **5. Effect on nearby Educational Institutions**

Projection and data for the entire planning area has been scrutinised to consider the impact on nearby local primary schools. The Local Authority is confident that the proposal will not adversely impact on other local schools. All relevant and local stakeholders have been consulted in relation to the proposal and an Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared and updated following the consultation process.

## **6. Funding for the Proposal**

Westmorland and Furness Council ('the Council') is in receipt of Section 106 funding from several housing developments that have been constructed in the Penrith area. This funding has to be used to support the creation of additional primary school places and can be delivered by making improvements or extensions to existing schools in Penrith. The cost of the project will be fully funded through the utilisation of this Section 106 funding.

## **7. Implementation and Any Proposed Stages for Implementation.**

The implementation date for the new resource provision to be established at Beaconside Primary Church of England Primary School in Penrith is 1 September 2026.

## **8. Objections and Comments**

Within four weeks of the date publication of this notice any person wishing to raise objections or make comments on the proposal may do so in writing to the Westmorland and Furness Council, School Organisation Team, Post Box 305, Kendal, LA9 9GZ. or by emailing [school.organisation@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:school.organisation@cumbria.gov.uk) by 3 March 2024.