

# **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

## **Lindsworth School – Proposal to Remove Boarding Provision**

This FAQ has been prepared following comments received from Part 1- Pre-publication Stage and to inform the Statutory consultation proposal. It is intended to answer the main questions being asked about the proposal to remove boarding provision at Lindsworth School.

### **1. What is being proposed?**

Birmingham City Council is consulting on a proposal to remove the boarding provision at Lindsworth School. If approved, the intended implementation date is 1 April 2027.

### **2. Is Lindsworth School closing?**

No. The proposal is only to remove the boarding provision. Lindsworth School will remain open as a maintained special school.

### **3. Why is boarding provision proposed for removal?**

As outlined in the proposal, the school has not admitted pupils with an EHCP requiring boarding provision for several years, and there are currently no pupils on roll who require boarding as part of their EHCP. The Council also states that it continues to fund unfilled boarding places through the High Needs Funding Block.

### **4. Is the residential accommodation currently being used?**

Yes, the accommodation is currently being used for extended-day activities, extra-curricular provision and support but not overnight boarding.

### **5. Will the current after-school or extended-day support stop?**

The proposal says that the facility will remain available for use by the school to support pupils as appropriate. The feedback received in Part 1 of this process raised concerns about the loss of the current extended-day provision and the support it provides for pupils and families. This will therefore be an important issue for the decision maker to consider.

### **6. Why are families and staff concerned about the proposal?**

The feedback shows repeated concern that the provision gives pupils stability, routine, social development, behaviour support and additional care after the school day. Parents and staff also described it as an important source of respite and support for families, particularly where pupils have SEMH needs. However, this is not boarding provision.

## **16. What happens if the proposal is rejected?**

If the proposal is rejected, Lindsworth School will remain a special school with boarding provision, and the Council will continue to maintain and resource the residential element accordingly.

## **17. How can I comment on the proposal?**

Comments can be submitted during the statutory consultation period before the deadline stated in the proposal. Responses can be made online, by email to:

[ediproperty@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:ediproperty@birmingham.gov.uk) , or by post to the School Organisation Team.