

**PROVISION FOR THE EDUCATION OF DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED  
CHILDREN IN LEEDS**

**Continuing to meet changing needs of Deaf children and their families in  
Leeds**

**Public Consultation  
West End Primary School and The Deaf and Hearing Impaired Team  
Education Leeds**

## Public Consultation Response Form

Please read this consultation document on the proposal to remove the resourced provision for Deaf and hearing impaired children at Horsforth West End Primary School and tell us what your views are.

The questions on this form are provided to help you to give your views, but you do not have to respond to all of them.

If you prefer not to use this form, you can also put your views in a letter.

All responses will be reported to a meeting of the Executive Board of Education Leeds and Leeds City Council in February 2006.

The last date for your responses to be received is 31st January 2006.

Questions relating to the proposals

1. What are your views on the proposals to close the resourced provision for Deaf and hearing impaired children at Horsforth West End Primary School?  
*Please add more sheets if you need to*

2. Do you have any concerns about anything that you feel has been mentioned in this document? *Please add more sheets if you need to*

3. Do you think that there are any important points that have been left out?  
*Please add more sheets if you need to*

4. Do you have any other ideas that could improve or strengthen the proposals? *Please add more sheets if you need to*

5. In what way are you connected with the resourced provision for Deaf and Hearing impaired children at West End Primary School?

Please tick all that apply

- Parent/carer of Deaf or hearing impaired child
- Other adult relative
- Deaf or hearing impaired child
- Governor
- Member of School staff
- Member of the Sensory Service staff
- Local resident
- Elected Member
- Local Community Representative
- Deaf Community Representative
- Neighbouring Local Authority Representative
- Health Authority Representative
- Social Services Representative
- Voluntary Agencies Representative
- Other

Your personal details (so that your response can be formally acknowledged)

Name:

Address:

Please return this form to:

The Sensory Service  
Education Leeds  
The Blenheim Centre  
Crowther Place  
Leeds LS6 2ST

## **Introduction**

Education Leeds is proposing to close the resourced provision for Deaf and hearing impaired children at Horsforth West End Primary School.

This consultation document gives the background to and details about this proposal.

It is important that the views of parents and carers, families and others with an interest in the education of Deaf and hearing impaired children are known and listened to.

The aim is to provide you with information so that you can let us know what you think.

The proposal aims to remove the provision for Deaf and hearing impaired children at Horsforth West End since there are currently no Deaf or hearing impaired children attending this provision.

## **The Current Situation**

The specially resourced provision for Deaf and hearing impaired children at Horsforth West End Primary School was established in 1984. This special provision within the mainstream school meant that Deaf and hearing impaired children could access the primary school curriculum and social environment as well as having access to a peer group of Deaf and hearing impaired children. The provision includes specialist teaching support from the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Team, Education Leeds staff based at the School.

This resourced provision at Horsforth West End Primary School is one of two additionally resourced primary schools for Deaf and hearing impaired children. The other resourced provision is at Cottingley Primary School. There is also an additionally resourced nursery at Shakespeare Primary School and secondary age provision at Allerton Grange High School.

In addition the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Team support around 250 Deaf and hearing impaired children in their local mainstream schools.

The provision for Deaf and hearing impaired children has been very successful for over 20 years and has been praised in West End's Ofsted inspections.

## **The need to review provision**

Parent's choices for their Deaf child or children have changed over recent years. More and more parents of Deaf and hearing impaired children are opting for their child or children to be educated in local mainstream provision, or additionally resourced provision for Deaf children. Because of these changes in parental choice no new admissions have been made to the resourced provision for Deaf and hearing impaired children at West End Primary School for a number of years. The last 2 Deaf pupils attending the

resourced provision left the school to go to High School, in July 2005. There are currently no Deaf or hearing impaired children attending the resourced provision at West End school.

Deaf children are known to the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Team, Education Leeds from a very early age and often from being a baby. There are no Deaf or hearing impaired children currently known to the Service whose parents or carers have expressed a preference for their child to attend the resourced provision for Deaf or hearing impaired children at West End School.

### **The Proposal**

It is proposed that the resourced provision for Deaf or hearing impaired children at West End should be removed from the choices available to parents of Deaf children. The choice of a place at the specially resourced provision for Deaf or hearing impaired children remains at Cottingley Primary School. Over the last few years more parents and carers of Deaf children have chosen the resourced provision at Cottingley School and there are 16 Deaf children attending Cottingley School in September 2005.

This proposal has been informally discussed with the Headteacher and the Governors of West End School as well members of the community, including the Health Authority, Social Services and voluntary agencies.

### **What will happen in the meantime?**

At the moment no Deaf or hearing impaired children attend the resourced provision at West End School. In September 2005 all the specialist staff for supporting Deaf children who were based at West End School were redeployed by the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Team, Education Leeds, to further strengthen the support which Deaf children receive in other education provisions for Deaf or hearing impaired children at Shakespeare Nursery, Cottingley Primary School, Allerton Grange High School and local mainstream schools.

### **Timetable for Consultation**

Consultation period begins - 1st February 2006

The following meetings will be held at specified times and dates as stated below:

Meeting of Headteacher and Governors of West End Primary School (9<sup>th</sup> February 2006)

Public meeting at West End School (15<sup>th</sup> February 2006)

Meeting of The Deaf and Hearing Impaired Team, The Sensory Service, Education Leeds Staff ( 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006)



Consultation period ends 15th March 2006.

### **What happens after the Consultation?**

Following consultations on this proposal, a report will be submitted to the Executive Board of Leeds City Council in April 2006 summarising the results of the consultation. Permission to post Statutory Notices will be asked for. Following this, the expected process is as follows:

May 2006 Statutory Representation Period

July 2006 Final Report to Executive Board to Leeds City Council to remove resourced provision for Deaf and hearing impaired children at Horsforth West End Primary School.

21<sup>st</sup> December 2005