



North West Specialist Inclusive Learning Centre
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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Please reply:
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Dear Parents and Carers,

For many years some of our pupils have significantly benefitted from our partnership with Benton Park High School – Meadows Park. This partnership will continue for all KS3 and KS4 pupils. However, across Leeds and indeed across the country there is a shortage of school places.

Delia Martin, the Head Teacher at Benton Park is now facing a bulge year of pupils from the local community and we have been asked to relinquish one of our classroom spaces. In collaboration with Miss Martin we have decided that with effect from September 2020 there will no longer be a Post-16 classroom at Meadows Park.

Let me explain our rationale;

- Meadows Park was the first secondary school inclusive partnership to be developed in Leeds. It was established to give those children based at the Rawdon St Peter's primary school partnership, the opportunity to transition into a secondary school so that they could continue and enjoy mainstream opportunities.
- Originally it did not include Post-16 pupils because the fundamental aim of the partnership was to give our pupils opportunities to learn alongside their mainstream peers wherever possible.
- As pupils enter sixth form (Key Stage 5) the learning gap between our pupils and their mainstream peers widens so much that true inclusive learning opportunities are few and far between. All the benefits of inclusion become less and even social opportunities lessen as the mainstream students become more independent and adept at widening their social experiences.
- We are guests at Benton Park, and as with any other mainstream partnership across Leeds there can always be a chance that changes to the working arrangements may change.

In essence, working collaboratively with Miss Martin she and her Governors have agreed to allow our current Post-16 students to complete their three years at Benton Park. That said, by September 2020 this would only leave three x Year 14 students which would not make a viable group and therefore the North West SILC have decided that the Post-16 Meadows Park partnership will not continue beyond the summer term, July 2020.

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Please let me be clear, the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 partnership will remain. Partnership places for KS3 and KS4 are in high demand and as we approach September all places for Meadows Park are already taken. By letting you know now gives our current Year 12 students, and you as their parents, four terms to identify Post-16 options. All current Year 11 pupils, and those who will in the future transition through Meadows Park will automatically be offered a place to continue their Post-16 education at Green Meadows School. Similarly, some people may wish to explore other Post-16 options such as college or possible Post-16 options that are currently being discussed at a strategic level within Leeds City Council.

Over the last two years we have radically changed our Post-16 offer at Green Meadows enabling students to follow a bespoke curriculum geared to meeting their individual needs whilst building on prior learning and developing skills for adulthood.

We fully appreciate that some parents/carers will have concerns about this and genuinely welcome the opportunity to have a discussion with each and every one of you. Below we have set out some dates both for a discussion in groups over a cup of coffee and, individual meetings whichever option you feel most confident with.

Wednesday 27th March, Green Meadows School

10.00am – 11.30am Coffee Morning for group conversations
11.30am – 1.00pm Individual consultation times available
1.00pm – 2.00pm Coffee Afternoon for group conversations

Monday 15th April, Green Meadows School

1.30pm – 3.15pm Transitions Event.
Guest Speakers include;
Gordon Kerr, specialist SEND Careers Adviser
Les Reed, Transport Head of Service, Leeds City Council
Antony Southern, Independent Travel Training Coordinator
Rhena Khan, SENSAP Casework Officer, Post-16
Richard Temple, SENSAP Casework Officer, Pre-16
Michelle Maunder, School Nurse
Lizzie Would, Physiotherapist

Wednesday 24th April, Green Meadows School

1.30pm onwards Open Event for Benton Park parents, carers, families and pupils to visit Green Meadows

Wednesday 22nd May, Green Meadows School

1.30pm onwards Open Event for Benton Park parents, carers, families and pupils to visit Green Meadows

We all look forward to meeting you at one of the forthcoming events, and please don't hesitate to contact the school should you have any immediate queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Diane Reynard
Executive Principal