

## Area Special School Consultation

<b>How will attending an area special school effect my child's education?</b>	The Area Special School will continue to offer your child a broad and appropriate curriculum. Your child will be able to access mainstream classes when or if appropriate and pupil resources more easily and will benefit from a new school building.
<b>Will my child need to move schools?</b>	The expectation is that pupils at Forest Way Special School will transfer to the new North West Leicestershire Area Special School.
<b>Why will the school be better than Forest Way?</b>	The new Area Special School will provide much better accommodation than is currently available at Forest Way Special School. The new school will provide larger teaching areas and withdrawal rooms to accommodate staff working with small groups and individual pupils. There will also be improved staff facilities for planning and preparation. The co-location of staff from a range of agencies on the site will allow for better overall co-ordination of services. These activities will contribute to improved progress for all pupils with Special Educational Need in the area, not just pupils transferring from Forest Way.
<b>Will my child attend the mainstream school?</b>	It is likely that during your child's school career they will attend the mainstream schools for some of the time if appropriate. This will be discussed with you each year at their annual review. One of the key benefits of the siting of the new area special school close to mainstream schools is increased sharing of facilities and inclusion opportunities. Pupils at the new Area Special School and new neighbouring school will benefit from improved learning and teaching opportunities through the strong links, which will be made. In addition, schools in North West Leicestershire will benefit from sharing expertise and resources from the new Area Special School.
<b>Will my child have further to travel?</b>	Most pupils travel time will not be greatly affected by the change
<b>Will my child's needs be met?</b>	Your child's needs will be met. The new area school will offer improved facilities and services. The ethos of an Area Special School as at Forest Way is to focus on the needs of the individual child and adapt and adjust the education to meet the needs of the individual.
<b>How quickly will the school be built?</b>	The school will be opened by September 2009.
<b>What services will be provided by and at the school?</b>	<p>There will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Spacious classrooms with additional smaller rooms</li> <li>♦ Food and Technology space</li> <li>♦ Science space</li> <li>♦ Art and Design space</li> <li>♦ Music/drama room</li> <li>♦ Assembly/Dining hall and Kitchen</li> <li>♦ Library and ICT room</li> <li>♦ Multi-sensory room</li> <li>♦ Soft play</li> <li>♦ Therapy pool</li> <li>♦ Medical and therapy room</li> </ul>
<b>Will my child still have the same teacher?</b>	There is an expectation that staff will transfer to the new Area Special School, however, there is a process which needs to be followed which may mean that staff are "at risk".