

25th April 2022



School Expansion Proposal

Dear Resident / Local Business / Neighbouring School,

Silverdale School have been working in partnership with Sheffield Local Authority to increase its capacity in response to the ongoing and future shortage of secondary school places, in the southwest of the city. This will ensure that the city can meet the needs of its secondary age students, by providing school places within the catchment areas.

As a local resident, business owner or neighbouring school, we are keen to hear your views on this proposal.

We are proposing to increase our Year 7 "Pupil Allocation Number" (PAN) from 180 to 240. Whilst the school has already temporarily expanded three year groups to 240 students, we are proposing to phase in this permanent expansion over a five year period, starting in September 2023.

In addition, the proposal includes plans to accommodate 30 SEN students in the Sixth Form. This meets a city-wide need to expand post-16 provision for SEN students.

To accommodate the extra students, we propose to have a new building adjacent to the current school building.

As building work will be required, we will be submitting a planning application for the proposed changes and all normal planning processes and a separate planning consultation will apply to this proposal. Full planning information will be shared by Sheffield City Council via their Planning Portal in due course, and people will be able to respond formally through the planning portal:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/planning-development/search-view-comment>

This is an initial communication to make our local community aware and gauge the level of support for the expansion. We are open to hearing the views of local stakeholders on our plans, as well as our parent community, who we have written to separately. Consultation begins on **Monday 25th April 2022** and ends on **Tuesday 24th May 2022** at noon. Full details can be found on our website:

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/consultation

Chorus Education Trust CEO: Chris James



Any comments that you wish to make should be sent by email to:

significantchangeexpansion@silverdale.chorustrust.org

Or in writing to:

Consultation Regarding Admissions Arrangements

Silverdale School

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Sims". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Sarah Sims

Head of School