



North

Yorkshire County Council

Children and Young People's Service

## **This paper sets out proposals to add provision for High Functioning Autism/Asperger Syndrome (HFA) at King James's School, Knaresborough**

In 2006 the local authority reviewed the provision made across the county for children and young people with special educational needs and behavioural, emotional and social difficulties. The review included extensive consultation with parents, teachers, school governors and partner agencies. The pattern of provision which was agreed by the Council following that review includes the designation of 26 North Yorkshire schools as Enhanced Mainstream Schools. This means having an enhanced status in meeting a particular special educational need.

Following discussions with the governors and head teacher, your school has agreed to be designated as an Enhanced Mainstream School for High Functioning Autism/Asperger Syndrome.

In order to fulfil its additional role, the school has been provided by the local authority with additional staffing:

- a Teacher
- 2 Advanced Teaching Assistants
- administrative support

The school will also receive additional support from the Educational Psychology Service. Accommodation at the school is being improved and adapted to provide facilities for small group work, therapy needs and areas for assessment and quiet time.

As an Enhanced Mainstream Secondary School for High Functioning Autism/Asperger Syndrome the school will admit up to 6 pupils with a statement of special educational needs. Some of the potential 6 places may be taken up by pupils already attending the Enhanced Mainstream School.

Further details are available in the specification for Enhanced Mainstream Schools (HFA) at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2964>

Home to school transport for pupils to access the enhanced facilities will be provided within the Council's home to school/college transport policy.

### **How to make your views known**

Your views about this proposal are welcomed. You can complete the attached response sheet, respond by letter, or complete the online response sheet at

<https://forms.northyorks.gov.uk/eforms>

Paper responses should be returned to:  
North Yorkshire County Council  
Strategic Services  
Children and Young People's Service  
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The closing date for responses is **5 April 2010**.

All responses to the consultation received by this date will be included in a report which will be considered by the County Council's Executive in April 2010.

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