PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SPECIALIST RESOURCED PROVISION IN A MAINTAINED SCHOOL

DOWDALES SCHOOL, DALTON-IN-FURNESS

Notice is given in accordance with section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (prescribed alterations to maintained schools) (England) Regulations 2013.

The Local Authority is consulting on a proposal to establish Resourced Provision with a designation of Social and Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) and flexibility for Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) to provide 15 places for Key Stage 3 & 4 pupils at Dowdales School. The provision will be established with effect from 5 January 2027 for six places with a phased admissions approach for the nine additional places, to allow for completion of necessary capital works. It is intended that the Resourced Provision will be fully implemented by September 2028, subject to completion of necessary capital works.

This notice is an extract from the full proposal. The full proposal can also be viewed on the council website at:

https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-organisation

or, on request from Westmorland and Furness Council, School Organisation Team at the address shown below.

Within four weeks of the publication of this notice any person wishing to raise objections or make comments on the proposal may do so in writing to the School Organisation Team, Westmorland and Furness Council, Post Box 304, Kendal, LA9 4GY or by emailing school.organisation.WAF@cumbria.gov.uk by 29 November 2026.

Signed: **Milorad Vasic (Director, Children's Services)**

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Explanatory notes:

All objections made (and not withdrawn in writing within the representation period) will be forwarded to the decision-maker. The final decision on whether or not to develop resource provision at Dowdales School will be made by the Director of Children's Services at Westmorland and Furness Council, within two months of the end of the representation period, using guidance provided by the Department for Education.