

29 April 2024

Dear Stakeholder,

Consultation: Additional Special Education Needs Provision

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the education provision at Stanground Academy.

We are working in partnership with the Peterborough SEND and Inclusion Service to provide an Autism hub at Stanground Academy for pupils in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. These pupils will require a higher level of support, not usually available within a mainstream setting. This provision will be designed for up to 8 pupils who have an Autistic Spectrum Condition, whose cognitive ability is such that they will be able to access the mainstream curriculum. All the pupils will have an Education, Health and Care plan.

The curriculum within the hub will be designed to enable each pupil to develop their social and independence skills. This will supplement pupils' access to mainstream lessons and qualifications. It is our aim that, over time, pupils will be supported to increasingly access mainstream education and may transition into our main school provision, where appropriate.

As part of this plan, the Local Authority will fund the conversion of existing under-utilised space within the academy into a classroom, break out rooms and an office.

These changes will not affect the pupils who already attend our academy, or those who will apply in the normal way in the coming years. We believe, however, it will enhance the quality of our existing provision and enable us to further develop our staff team to support all pupils in the future. Importantly, the changes will provide additional places for pupils who may otherwise face significant additional barriers in attending a mainstream setting due to the support required to help them make progress.

The hub will be led by existing school leaders and supported by staff who have developed expertise in this area. We will also be recruiting additional staff to work with us, ready to open in Easter 2025, recruitment permitting.

We are seeking views from stakeholders, so please get in touch if you have any questions or feedback. Please email your comments directly to hub@stangroundacademy.org

We will endeavour to reply to all responses as quickly as we can. The consultation period runs from today, for 4 school weeks (excluding half term), until midnight, **Tuesday 04 June 2024**.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Van Lier', written in a cursive style.

Mr Matthew Van Lier
Principal