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Dear Parent/Carer/Consultee

Consultation on the proposed improvement of Special School Provision in Lincoln including the statutory proposal to close Queen's Park School

The statutory proposal under consultation is to close Queen's Park School with effect from 31 August 2013. This is part of a wider review and reorganisation of special needs education in Lincoln which would also involve investment to expand St Francis and St Christopher's Schools with effect from September 2012 and the introduction of two new Designated Specialist Units at the Priory Witham from 2011 and Priory City of Lincoln Academies from 2014.

The Local Authority's (LA) consultation period will run from 8 June 2011 through to 27 July 2011. As part of this consultation process there will be two public meetings held at 10am and 6pm on Monday 20th June 2011 at The Bentley Hotel in Lincoln when there will be an opportunity to ask questions and raise issues in response to the proposal. If you are unable to attend either of these meetings you will be able to view details of the question and answer session which will be published on our website <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning</u> as soon as possible after 20 June.

The consultation period is the first stage of the process leading up to a final decision in November which will be taken by the Lincolnshire County Council Executive following careful consideration of all feedback received.

Please read the attached consultation document for further details regarding the proposal under consultation and send in your response. It is important that the LA gather and consider all views on this proposal prior to making a decision regarding its implementation.

The LA's consultation document and feedback form can be viewed or downloaded from the website <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning</u> in the 'Current Consultations' section. Alternatively a copy can be obtained by emailing <u>provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk</u>, by calling 01522 553392 or by writing to Property and Technology Management at the above address.

If you wish to comment on this proposal please return the response form by 27 July 2011. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Property and Technology Management team.

Yours sincerely

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