

Proposals to discontinue Tennyson High School, Mablethorpe and to expand Monks' Dyke Technology College, Louth to form one co-educational secondary school using two sites.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006 as updated by the Education Act 2011 that Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YQ intends to make the following changes under Parts 1 and 2. **These 2 proposals are related.**

Part 1

In accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 Lincolnshire County Council intends to discontinue Tennyson High School, Seaholme Road, Mablethorpe LN12 2DF on 31 August 2012.

All statutory consultation requirements in respect of this proposal have been complied with.

It is anticipated that pupils attending Tennyson High School at the time of closure will transfer onto the roll of the current Monks' Dyke Technology College which will be enlarged under related proposals (see Part 2 of this notice). Since it is anticipated that all displaced pupils will transfer onto the roll of the enlarged school, retaining the existing site of Tennyson High School, no specific arrangements are required for the travel of displaced pupils to other schools.

Current and forecast secondary pupil numbers for the area indicate that all of the displaced pupils can be accommodated at the expanded school.

However, if parents wish, admission may be sought to other schools in the area that have places available and if so transport arrangements for these pupils will be in accordance with the County Council's published policy² - this provides free home-to-school transport for pupils to their nearest designated school (if it is more than 3 miles away for secondary aged pupils).

Part 2

In accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, Lincolnshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to expand Monks' Dyke Technology College, Monks' Dyke Road, Louth LN11 9AW to increase its physical capacity (by adding the buildings of the Tennyson High School). This proposed alteration will take effect from 1 September 2012.

All statutory consultation requirements in respect of this proposal have been complied with.

The current net capacity of Monks' Dyke Technology College for Years 7 - 11 is 1219 and the net capacity of Tennyson High School is 425. If these proposals are implemented the proposed total capacity will be a minimum of 1515. The current admission number in Years 7 - 11 for Monks' Dyke Technology College is 200 and for Tennyson High School is 85. The proposed total admission number across both sites will be 200. As numbers are falling in the area this will provide sufficient places for current and forecast secondary pupil numbers with the capacity to increase if pupil numbers rise in the future. In Years 7 - 11 there are currently 638 pupils on roll at Monks' Dyke Technology College and 296 pupils on roll at Tennyson High School. If the proposals are implemented the enlarged school incorporating the sixth form provision (capacity 250 - 280) will operate on both the existing sites.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained by writing to: Provision Planning, Children's Services, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YQ or by calling 01522 553329 or by emailing provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk or through the website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Provision Planning, Children's Services, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YQ or by emailing provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

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Explanatory Notes

1. The proposal to discontinue Tennyson High School is linked to the proposal to enlarge the capacity at Monks' Dyke Technology College. In effect the proposals will enable the formation of one co-educational secondary school retaining both existing sites in use. The 2 proposals will be determined together and therefore are dependant on the success of the other.

2. A copy of the County Council's Home to School Transport policy can be obtained on-line at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-transport

3. Further details on the consultation which have led to these proposals can be accessed on-line under "Current Consultations" via www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning