

## **Changes proposed at Westgate SEN School**

### **Request**

I have a son at Westgate SEN school. The school is fantastic and caters for my son brilliantly. All the services my son has received throughout his life have been of exceptional quality and well co-ordinated. Thank you.

The governors and head are proposing a change in status to become a Foundation Charitable Trust school. I am currently collating information relating to change as I am unsure whether to support or oppose the proposals.

How will this change, if approved, affect the service you currently provide to children, parents, carers, staff at the school and more broadly in Leicestershire.

My interests in particular relate to

- Speech Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy
- Learning Autism Support Team
- Psychology and Psychiatric therapies
- Child protection
- Child welfare
- Transport to and from school
- Free school meals
- School nurse
- Day release of SEN pupils to mainstream Local Authority run schools and colleges
- Admissions policy
- Legal issues - e.g: accountability - who is responsible for what - complaints procedure
- Statementing process
- Employment of staff
- Redeployment of staff
- Continuity of existing staff
- Co-ordination of services teams

### **How will Leicester City and its services benefit as a whole by Westgate SEN becoming a Foundation School?**

### **Our Response**

Your request was received via the Leicester City Community Health Service website. The Leicester City and Leicestershire County & Rutland Community Health Services transferred to the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust under the Transforming Community Services Programme on 1 April 2011. We are now pleased to provide the following response to your request.

The services we provide to SEN schools are based on service level agreements and contracts with the local authority. If changes were made to those agreements as a result of the schools becoming Foundation Trust Schools then clearly we would be required to review that provision in light of any changes.

In the absence of specific information as to how those agreements and contracts would differ from those currently in place, we cannot comment on what effects they may have, positive or negative.

