NORTH DURHAM ACADEMY

Enhanced Provision Consultation – North Durham Academy

Introduction

North Durham Academy is a highly ambitious, caring and supportive school, which is openly focused on educational outcomes of our students. The vision of the school is for all students to want to learn and work at a good school; and for all parents/carers from our community to want to send their children to a good school.

There are a number of key principles that underpin the vision, which are:

- Outstanding care for each and every individual
- A relentless drive and focus to ensure that each and every student achieves their true potential
- A focus on the quality of education and on high standards
- A broad and balanced curriculum
- A range of in-school and extra-curricular experiences to prepare our students for life in modern society
- Superb facilities which support and enhance learning at all levels including achievement and engagement

Enhanced Provision

Since the inception of the school, there has been an enhanced provision within the school with a specialism of cognition and learning. The provision was initially a 20-place provision, and in consultation with Durham County Council this was reduced to a 10-place provision from September 2025. Due to increasing need, there are 11 students anticipated to be accessing this provision from September 2026. The purpose of this consultation is to seek views about the continuation and possible expansion of this provision to a maximum of 15 places. Having an enhanced provision within the school enables pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to access mainstream education and promotes a more inclusive school.

Next steps / timeline

The timeline for this consultation is as follows.

Actions	When	Who
3 Week consultation to take place.	29th June 2026 – 20th July 2026	Parents, Staff, Local Educational providers, Durham County Council.
Results of consultation and business case scrutinised.	20th July 2026 – 22nd July 2026	Connect MAT
Application made for a change order.	23rd July 2026	Department for Education

Responding to the Consultation

North Durham Academy welcomes the support of the local community that it serves. Responses would be appreciated. The consultation period starts on the 29th June 2026 and will end on the 20th July 2026.

To respond to the consultation please contact c.kay@connectmat.org.uk