

Vermont School, Southampton – Enlargement and Transfer of Site to the former St Monica Infant school site at Bay Road

- 1. Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, that Southampton City Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Vermont school, Vermont Close, Southampton, Hampshire SO16 7LT (Foundation (Trust) Special School) by enlarging the premises and capacity of the school by 26 places with effect from 20 April 2026. This proposal is a linked proposal with 2 below.
- 2. Notice is also hereby given, in accordance with, in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, that the Governing Body of Vermont School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Vermont school, Vermont Close, Southampton, Hampshire SO16 7LT (Foundation (Trust) Special School) by transferring the site of the school to the location of the former St Monica Infant School, Bay Road, Sholing, Southampton, SO19 8EZ, site with effect from 20 April 2026. This proposal is a linked proposal with 1 above.
- 3. The enlargement of Vermont School will provide additional accommodation to provide support for pupils with Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) Needs, moderate learning difficulties and Autistic Spectrum Condition where there is an increased need in this area of the County. This school will meet the needs of children with a range of needs in a safe and secure environment.
- 4. Vermont School is currently a 50-place special school for Primary School age pupils with SEMH, ADHD, Autistic Spectrum disorders, and attachment disorders. The enlargement of accommodation will be provided from 20 April 2026. From that date, 26 additional places will be added to a final overall capacity of 76 places once relocated to the new site at Bay Road.
- 5. The capital cost for this project will be funded by the Council, appropriate allocation has been set for the relocation of Vermont School to St Monica Infant School site to accommodate the increase of pupils where it is a catchment area for their pupils. It is proposed to refurbish the existing Victorian building with other existing building being demolished and a new two storey building to be constructed with landscaping works. A drop-off loop and other SEND requirements will be implemented. A Travel Plan which is makes up part of the Traffic Management Plan will be developed to mitigate impact on the local highways.
- 6. Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object or make comments on the proposals (including the Governing Body proposals to transfer the site of the school) by sending them to the address below. Tammy Marks, Head of Service of Special Educational Needs and

Disabilities, Children's Services Department, Civic Centre Rd, Southampton Hampshire SO14 7LY; by e-mail: yourcity.yoursay@southampton.gov.uk, with the reference: 'Tammy Marks - Vermont School notice'. The Governing Body of Vermont School has appointed Southampton City Council as its agents for publishing and collating responses to their element of these linked proposals.

Dated: 04 September 2023

Tammy Marks

Head of Service – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Trevor Amos

Chair of Governor's at Vermont School

EXPLANATORY NOTES

If objections are made and not withdrawn within the statutory four-week period then, within two
months of the end of the representation period, Southampton City Council will decide whether
the proposals will be allowed to go ahead, with or without modifications. If no objections are
made within the objection period, then the Council will decide whether to implement the
proposals in the form published.