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**Fwd: Wave 14 Free School Application**

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**Russell Pickering**  
To: James Richards [REDACTED]

15 October 2018 at 10:11

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**From:** Deborah Mason [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thu, 4 Oct 2018, 14:20  
**Subject:** RE: Wave 14 Free School Application  
**To:** Russell Pickering [REDACTED]

Hi Russell

Yes we would be potentially interested in the proposed provision, particularly around SEMH needs.

Thanks

Deborah

**From:** Russell Pickering [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 October 2018 16:59  
**To:** Deborah Mason [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Wave 14 Free School Application

Hi Deborah

As you may be aware we are currently in the process of putting together a Wave 14 bid for funding to build a new Special School in Northumberland. The school will be based in Blyth and will cater for children in Key Stage 3 & 4 with SEMH and ASD needs. We have identified a potential site, in the South East of the County in the Blyth area which would enable it to be within daily transporting distance for pupils. We would also expect this provision to provide places in line with the LA's special school banding system. Although there would be some variation of costs based on the individual needs of pupils we would expect the majority of placements to cost between £16,750 and £20,500, including place funding.

As part of our bid, we are contacting other local authorities about any potential interest in commissioning places in the new facility. We are not requiring definite commitment, but confirmation of firm or tentative interest would be appreciated. If you do have an interest in potentially commissioning places then we would require a letter from yourselves that we can include in our bid as evidence of your intentions. I appreciate that it might well be difficult to make strong commitments but even tentative commitments would be appreciated.

If you could let me know by mid morning next Wednesday (10th October) that would be much appreciated; just so any alterations can be made to our bid.

Regards