

Consultation on the proposal for relocating the Resourced Provision for pupils with a Hearing Impairment, at Wallisdean Junior School to St Jude's Catholic Primary School, from September 2023

Hampshire County Council would like to hear your views on the proposal to develop a Resourced Provision at St Jude's Catholic Primary School for pupils with a Hearing Impairment.

The need for this type of provision remains and at the request of the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors of Wallisdean Junior School and, in consultation with the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors of St Jude's School, we are exploring the possibility of making internal alterations to the school building at St Jude's, to accommodate a Resourced Provision.

We are running a consultation from **Monday 16 January to Monday 13 February 2023.**

Why do you need to develop a resourced provision for pupils with hearing impairments (HI) at the school?

Hampshire County Council is committed to developing and maintaining provision, where possible, to meet demand. Currently the need to provide school places for pupils with hearing impairment in this area of the County remains. Wallisdean Junior School explored with the Local Authority the potential to relocate the Resourced Provision at their school and St Jude's Catholic Primary School agreed to accommodate this. This proposal will ensure that the provision for Hearing Impaired children is maintained in the locality.

What building works will be taking place?

To accommodate the Resourced Provision, it is proposed that internal building alterations are undertaken to create the facilities needed for the new pupils.

When will the building works start and how will you ensure the health and safety of pupils attending the school whilst the works are taking place?

It is planned that the building works, to create the facilities at the St Jude's Catholic Primary School site, will be complete for September 2023. Health and safety of children, staff and visitors is paramount. The County Council works with construction partners who have significant experience of working on school sites. A detailed health and safety plan will be drawn up with the school.

What will be the impact on pupils at St Jude's Catholic Primary School?

The children who will attend the Resourced Provision will be part of a mainstream class and spend some time each day in the Resourced Provision, for individual and/or small group support. When the children are in the mainstream classroom, they will receive additional support to ensure that their communication and language needs are met.

This will give the opportunity for St Jude's Catholic Primary School to further enhance their inclusion and wellbeing offer to all children.

Will the school receive additional funding due to the numbers increasing?

St Jude's Catholic Primary School will receive additional funding based on the increase in number of pupils on their roll. This will provide the additional staffing and resources required.

What happens after this consultation?

This consultation will run from Monday 16 January to Monday 13 February 2023. Officers will then consider the consultation responses, received in writing, before deciding whether the proposal should continue to the formal publication stage.

If so, a statutory public notice will be published, setting out the Local Authorities intent to increase the capacity of the school. It is anticipated that this will be published in April 2023.

After the date of publication, there will be a four-week period in which any representations can be made. After the conclusion of this period, the Local Authority will decide whether to proceed with the proposal. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in May/June 2023.

Will I have the opportunity to discuss the proposal and ask questions?

A drop-in session where you will be able to discuss the proposal with Hampshire County Council officers will take place on **Thursday 26 January between 3:30pm and 6pm at St Jude's Catholic Primary School.**

If you are unable to attend the drop-in above and wish to make a comment then please write to Glenn Parkinson, Strategic Development Officer, Children's Services Department, E11 Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG or email to strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk

All comments must be received by the Monday 13 February.

How can my views be heard?

We will consider all responses received via e-mail or letter.

The closing date for responses is the Monday 13 February.