# Summary of proposed changes to Warwickshire’s Designated Speech and Language Provision

## Introduction

Warwickshire Council is proposing making a number of changes to existing Designated Speech and Language Provision (DSLP) for children with Specific Language Impairments (SLI) at the following six locations across the County:

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| Designated Base | Key Stage(s) | Capacity | Occupancy  (2014-15 |
| Bilton Infant School – Rugby | 1 | 10 | 3 |
| Bishopton Primary School - Stratford | 1&2 | 10 | 11 |
| Clapham Terrace Primary School - Leamington Spa | 1&2 | 15 | 11 |
| Middlemarch Junior School – Nuneaton | 2 | 10 | 9 |
| Stockingford Primary School – Nuneaton | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Weddington Primary School - Nuneaton | 1&2 | 15 | 9 |
| TOTAL |  | 70 | 53 |

# What are the proposed changes?

1. Change entry criteria for DSLP settings to cater for children with a wider range of communication & interaction difficulties (including those with autism spectrum disorder)

* This will mean that the spaces available at these settings are available to children based on a broader range of communication and interaction needs and are not solely restricted to children with a Specific Language Impairments (SLI).
* The changes will also ensure that children can receive the support they need from Speech and Language Therapy services across a range of school settings, including their local schools, without the need to travel to one of these six schools.
* The changes will be phased so that children currently using these DSLP settings will be able to stay until they are due to leave.

1. Transfer management of the settings to schools

* Currently the DSLPs are operated by Council staff from the Integrated Disability Service (IDS). The Council is proposing that the governing bodies of the host schools should be offered the option of taking over direct management of these settings including the staff.

1. Cease separate Key Stage 1 & 2 provision - Move to an all-through-primary model

* Currently three out of the six settings provide a service for either key stage 1 or 2. This means that learners who continue to need specialist support are forced to move settings. For those children in infants or junior schools this is unavoidable but the Council believes that such transitions should be minimised wherever possible.

For more details as the reasons behind these proposals please see the full consultation document available on the Ask Warwickshire website here:

<https://askwarks.wordpress.com/>

# Consultation

You are invited to send your comments on these proposals by completing a questionnaire available at the above website.

A public meeting is being held that you can attend (see below) or if your child attends one of the settings affected you will be invited to attend a meeting to learn more and ask any questions.

**Public Meeting**

**5-00pm Tuesday 2nd February**

**Committee Room 1**

**Building 1**

**Saltisford Office Park**

**Ansell Way**

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