



CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH RESOURCED PROVISION AT THE AVON VALLEY SCHOOL AND PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE.

Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning The Avon Valley School, and to invite you to tell us what you think of the proposals. This is part of a statutory consultation process that Warwickshire County Council is managing in partnership with the school's governing body. The proposal is:

- 1) To increase the capacity of The Avon Valley School from 1100 pupils to 1400 pupils.
- 2) To establish educational provision for children with special educational needs in the form of resourced provision for up to 20 secondary aged pupils with communication and interaction needs.

The Proposal

1) To increase the capacity of The Avon Valley School from 1100 pupils to 1400 pupils.

The Avon Valley School currently has a capacity of 1100 pupils across year groups 7 to 11 with a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 220.

It is proposed to increase the number of places for pupils from 1100 to 1400 places.

Why is this increase in school places required?

In recent years there has been considerable development to the North of Rugby Town, particularly focusing around the Leicester Road, Gateway and Coton Park housing development areas. This housing development is projected to continue to build out over the next 10 years.

As a result of this housing development, the number of secondary school places in the North of Rugby needs to be increased to improve accessibility to places for pupils in the North of Rugby town and the surrounding rural area and to limit the need to travel further afield to access school places.

Why is the school being increased by two forms of entry (300 places)?

The current need for additional school places in the area requires an additional form of entry (150 places). However, with the continued development in the area over the next 10 years it is anticipated further school places will be required. Therefore, the capacity for a further increase in PAN is being built in one go to ensure the most effective build solution and alignment of curriculum areas.

It is proposed that the PAN for the school will be initially set at 250 and subsequently increased in line with the need for school places as the housing development builds out. The PAN for the school will be set through the school's consultation process for the determination of Admission Arrangements.

Will there be changes to the existing school building?

Capital works are required to ensure sufficient classroom and ancillary space to support the increase in pupil numbers. This additional accommodation can be achieved through an extension to the rear of the existing building. This extension is proposed to include new classrooms, additional dining space and a new sports hall. If the proposal is approved, a planning application will need to be submitted to put in place the accommodation requirements.

What about the impact on traffic around the school site?

As part of the planning application, the project team will engage with Warwickshire Highways and undertake a transport study and any required surveys to assess the impact of the development and any potential mitigation.

Will there be any disruption to the existing school while work is being carried out?

The contractors and the school will work together to ensure any disruption to pupils is kept to a minimum and will not have an adverse impact on the pupils day to day schooling.

2) To establish resourced provision at The Avon Valley School

It is proposed to establish a resourced provision for up to 20 secondary aged pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) whose primary needs are communication & interaction. These pupils will benefit from accessing education at a mainstream secondary school, through a flexible approach, tailored and adapted to their needs.

Admissions to the resourced provision follow a different procedure from that operating for the rest of the school and places will be allocated through the Warwickshire County Council High Needs Provision Panel.

What is a resourced provision?

A resourced provision allows children to attend mainstream school whilst having access to specialist teaching staff and a tailored environment.

Students with special educational needs and disabilities who attend mainstream schools, may require additional support to identify and overcome barriers to learning. Having resourced provision onsite will enable these students to access the resources and expertise needed in a timely manner, reducing the possibility of an adverse impact on their learning, levels of regulation and engagement within the learning environment.

Students in the resourced provision will have a range of needs and abilities. Some students will attend some mainstream lessons, others will need more targeted support within small groups. This support would take place in the resourced provision with specialist trained teachers.

How will the resourced provision be accommodated in the school?

The proposal is to remodel an existing space in the main school building providing two teaching classrooms and separate intervention and support spaces, with access to some dedicated outdoor space.

Why is this resourced provision being proposed?

Warwickshire County Council has identified a need for further resourced provision across the county and asked The Avon Valley School to establish a resourced provision alongside the expansion plans for the school.

Several local primary schools run resourced provisions for pupils with communication and interaction needs and the increase in resourced provision in secondary schools is important to ensure sufficient provision for those primary aged pupils as they transition to secondary education.

There are currently five resourced provisions attached to mainstream primary provision in Rugby and a further two to open from September 2025. There is currently one resourced provision attached to secondary provision in Rugby.

Why is this consultation taking place?

This consultation is part of a statutory process following Department for Education guidelines for making prescribed alterations to schools, which include increasing the capacity of a school and establishing resourced provision.

Who decides whether the proposal goes ahead?

Following the period of consultation, the County Council's Cabinet will review the feedback and make a decision on whether or not to go ahead with the changes.

What is the proposed timetable?

- 13th June 2025: The County Council's Portfolio Holder for Education gave approval for the proposal to go out for consultation
- 23rd June – 20th July 2025: A 4-week consultation with parents and other interested stakeholders to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals.
- 4th September 2025: If Cabinet agree to the proposals, the project will progress towards implementation.

Have Your Say...

As an integral part of this process, we are inviting you to take part in this consultation. We welcome your views on the proposed changes raised and all viewpoints will be taken into account as part of the decision-making process.

Feedback can be given in the following ways:

- Online: by completing the consultation survey <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/>
- By Email: schoolorganisation@warwickshire.gov.uk
- In writing: Access to Education, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4RL.

You can request a paper copy of the survey by telephone (01926 742058) or email (schoolorganisation@warwickshire.gov.uk) and return it to the postal address above. You can also request an alternative format this way.

Deadline for comments is **20th July 2025**.

Following the end of the consultation we shall publish the results and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous. If you reply to an anonymous survey then no personal details will be captured. If you would like further information, visit our website:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy or contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410