



CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SPECIALIST RESOURCED PROVISION AT DUNNINGTON COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning Dunnington CofE Primary 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 Governing Body. The proposal is:

- To establish an 8-place Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP) at Dunnington CofE Primary School for children with social, emotional & mental health (SEMH) needs

Background

In order to meet forecast demand and build on the local offer of specialist provision the local authority is continuing the development of SRP's across the county whereby pupils, who are able to access a mainstream curriculum, can have their needs met and benefit from being located within a mainstream school environment. The main growth and investment continues to be focused on developing SRP's for pupils with communication and interaction (C&I) needs and social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) difficulties. The demand for this type of provision is expected to continue to rise.

Warwickshire has 25 SRP's connected to mainstream primary schools, with ten in North Warwickshire (Atherstone, Nuneaton and Bedworth), six in East Warwickshire (Rugby), and nine in South Warwickshire (Warwick, Leamington, Stratford upon Avon and Shipston).

The Proposal

Why are the governors and Warwickshire County Council proposing this?

Warwickshire County Council have identified a need to expand SRP's across the county, that offers a bridge between mainstream and specialist provision. These are based in local schools and support children who are not coping with mainstream classes.

The SRP at Dunnington CofE Primary School will support pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) whose primary needs are Social, Emotional & Mental Health. These pupils will benefit from accessing education at a mainstream primary school through a flexible approach, tailored to meet their needs.



What impact will this provision have on the education of the children currently at the school?

There will be no impact on the children of the school, their learning and lessons will not be affected. Additional staff will be employed, and the staff of the SRP will be skilled and trained practitioners in supporting children with SEMH needs.

How will the SRP be accommodated in the school?

The proposal is to utilise an existing space within the school to house the specialist resourced provision.

The new SRP space and surrounding area will allow for the provision to be located on the main school site and provide a safe and secure learning space for this cohort of learners.

How will the SRP work?

The proposed SRP would cater for primary aged pupils who have significant additional needs requiring specialist support, but who have the cognitive ability to benefit from a mainstream curriculum.

The intention is that children would initially be supported full-time in the base before accessing increasing amounts of time in the main school. It is hoped that many will progress into mainstream school places though some may move on to specialist provision when they reach the end of year 6.

Admission and Pupil Numbers

The SRP will be an 8 place provision.

Admissions to the SRP follow a different procedure from that operating for the rest of the school. Admissions will be authorised via the Warwickshire County Council High Needs Provision Panel.

The establishment of the SRP will not impact on the school's current total mainstream capacity of 105 across Reception to Year 6.

What is the proposed timetable?

- **13th December 2024:** The County Council's Portfolio Holder for Education & Learning gave approval for the proposal to go out for consultation



- **13th January – 9th February 2025:** A 4-week consultation with parents and other interested stakeholders to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals.
- **5th March 2025:** Proposal will be considered at Cabinet

If Cabinet agree to the proposals, the decision will be implemented for September 2025.

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: School Organisation & Planning, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4RL.

You can request a paper copy of the survey by telephone (01926 745101) 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 **9th February 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