

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

Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning Paddox 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 educational provision for children with special educational needs in the form of resourced (specialist) provision for up to 10 primary aged pupils, principally in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, with Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs at Paddox Primary School

Background

Over the past five years, the growth in places at special schools in Warwickshire has significantly outstripped that in mainstream schools. There has been significant growth in both generic and specialist special schools. The main growth and investment has been in specialist provision for pupils with communication and interaction needs and social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) difficulties. The demand for specialist educational provision is expected to continue to rise, with the level of demand anticipated to be highest in Nuneaton & Bedworth and Rugby.

In order to meet forecast demand and build on the local offer of specialist provision the local authority is continuing the development of resourced provision 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.

There are currently 7 resourced provisions attached to mainstream primary provision in Warwickshire – 2 in North Warwickshire, 2 in Nuneaton & Bedworth, 1 in Rugby, 1 in Warwick and 1 in the Stratford on Avon area.

The Proposal

Warwickshire County Council is proposing to establish a specialist provision for up to 10 primary aged pupils, principally in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, diagnosed with Social Emotional and Mental Health Needs at Paddox Primary School. If approved the provision could be implemented during academic year 2020/21.

Paddox Primary School is a 3FE primary school, with an Ofsted rating of 'Good', with 630 places for children aged 4-11 years.

The specialist resourced provision at Paddox Primary School will support pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan whose primary needs are Social, Emotional and Mental Health. These pupils will benefit from accessing education at a mainstream primary school through a flexible approach, tailored and adapted to their needs.

The build proposal is for a stand-alone, single storey unit in proximity to the mainstream setting so that the children can also access the facilities of the school. The unit will comprise of 2 teaching areas, 2 group rooms, a sensory room, toilets, a social area and a staffroom. An external area will be adapted to the needs of the children, who will be provided with a protected area to play.

The children who will attend the setting will be on a different timetable from the main school, arriving at 9.15am and leaving at 2.15pm (pupils at the main school building arrive at 8.45am and finish at 3.15 and 3.20pm). Therefore, due to the differences in scheduling the additional vehicles generated by the proposal will have limited impact on traffic and parking on and around the site at the start or the end of the main school day.

Admission and Pupil Numbers

The proposal is for the specialist resourced provision to cater for up to 10 pupils initially. This number may be reviewed in the future.

Admissions to the specialist resourced provision follow a different procedure from that operating for the rest of the school. Admissions into the specialist resourced provision will be through the Warwickshire County Council process for specialist admissions.

The establishment of the specialist resourced provision will not impact on the school's current published admission number of 90.

What is the proposed timetable?

- May 2020: The County Council's Portfolio Holder for Education & Learning gave approval for the proposal to go out for consultation
- 15th June 2020 – 10th July 2020: A 4 week consultation with parents and other interested stakeholders to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals.
- 10th September 2020: If Cabinet agree to the proposals, the decision will be implemented during academic year 2020/21.

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, Saltisford Building 3, Warwickshire County Council, Ansell Way, Warwick, CV34 4UL.

You can request a paper copy of the survey by telephone (01926 742994) or email (schoolorganisation@warwickshire.gov.uk) and return it to the postal address above. You can also request an alternative format or language this way.

Deadline for comments is **10th July 2020**

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