

## CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SPECIALIST RESOURCED PROVISION AT ST ANDREW'S BENN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning St Andrew's Benn CE 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 8 primary aged pupils with communication and interaction needs at St Andrew's Benn CE Primary School

### Background

In order to meet forecast demand and build on the local offer of specialist provision the local authority is continuing the development of specialist 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. The main growth and investment continues to be 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.

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There are currently 12 resourced provisions attached to mainstream primary provision in Warwickshire – 2 in North Warwickshire, 3 in Nuneaton & Bedworth, 3 in Rugby, 1 in Warwick and 3 in the Stratford on Avon area.

### The Proposal

Warwickshire County Council is proposing to establish a specialist provision for up to 8 primary aged pupils, diagnosed with communication and interaction needs at St Andrew's Benn CE Primary. If approved, the provision would be implemented for September 2023.

St Andrew's Benn CE Primary School is a 1.5FE primary school, with an Ofsted rating of 'Good', with 315 places for children aged 4-11 years.

The specialist resourced provision at St Andrew's Benn CE Primary School will support pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan whose primary needs are communication and interaction. 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 to remodel an existing space previously used by the school's nursery, which now operates from another part of the school, by incorporating the existing office, hygiene and toilet facilities and creating a separate entrance to a new sensory room.

The project will also involve upgrading the outdoor play area with fencing which will require some ground works to level the area which will be topped with rubber matting.

### Admission and Pupil Numbers

The proposal is for the specialist resourced provision to cater for up to 8 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 High Needs Provision Panel.

The establishment of the specialist resourced provision will not impact on the school's current total capacity of 315 across Reception to Year 6.

### What is the proposed timetable?

- 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023: The County Council's Portfolio Holder for Education & Learning gave approval for the proposal to go out for consultation
- 26<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023: A 4-week consultation with parents and other interested stakeholders to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals.
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023: If Cabinet agree to the proposals, the decision will be implemented during academic year 2023/24.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 **24<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

*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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy) or contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410*