

Expanding SEND provision in mainstream school consultation – findings report

Matter for consideration:

To note the findings outlining the proposal to create a specifically resourced provision (SPR) at St Paul's CE Primary School:

Background:

Stockport faces significant challenges due to a growing population and a growing cohort of children with specialised and complex needs. Funding pressures means there is a need to focus on maximising the benefits from investment plans by developing our educational establishments, including adding social value and economic well-being across our communities.

This consultation set out how we plan to carry out our responsibility in respect to the creation of new mainstream provision targeted to meet the needs of children with special education needs or disability (SEND), in line with the commitments made in the One Stockport Borough Plan to ensure there are sufficient places in good and improving local inclusive schools at the heart of the community that children and families want to go to.

It is important that families have the option to allow their child to attend their local mainstream school and by creating this new provision it will mean the majority of children can have their needs met locally.

The consultation period ran from 18th March 2024 to 30th April 2024.

The consultation was published on the Council's dedicated consultations web page and relevant stakeholders including parents/carers, school staff, governors and other interested parties were invited to respond.

Profile of Respondents:

There was a total of 72 responses were collected in total. Respondents were asked to provide their name, email address and the type of respondent they were or their affiliated school. The profile of respondents were:

Parent/ Carers	46
Staff	3
Local Community	9
None/ Other	14

Consultation findings:

Do you support the proposal to create resource provision at St Paul's CE Primary School?

Responses	
Yes	69
No	3
No view	0

Comments:

- This proposal is just what St Paul's needs. With a daughter who is on the SEN register and many friends with children needing extra help and guidance I fully support the proposal and its much needed for St Paul's*
- We desperately need more of these places in Stockport, St. Paul's is a brilliant school for children with additional needs and this will only compliment it further. The school is well served for public transport, so will cut down on transport costs for families needing to travel distances across the borough. This idea should have come about sooner!*
- St Paul's is an amazing school that already does it best to cater to all pupils from various backgrounds. St Paul's as a school are very inclusive and always puts the needs of its students in the front to ensure a good education is available for all. Having this provision would be very beneficial to the school and local community.*
- The school already supports SEND pupils who would greatly benefit from the Resource provision. The school has a lot of experience with SEND needs and it has a strong and positive ethos around the support of SEND pupils and their integration with mainstream pupils. I believe the Resource provision will greatly benefit the community.*

Local Authority comment:

It is clear from the above responses that the need to provide local school places for children with complex SEND needs is supported by the communities they are impacting. As well as a school's track record for supporting pupils with SEND it has been highlighted that the ethos of the school is important and their reputation within the community. This should be exhibited by leadership at the school in order to gain community support.