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SEND Hub Consultation

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Consultation to open a SEN Resourced Provision

PROPOSAL:

The governing body of Albrighton Primary School, in partnership with Shropshire council, is proposing to create a SEN resourced provision for Reception, KS1 and KS2 children from September 2025. As part of this proposal, the DFE (Department for Education) and the local authority have requested us to consult with all parents and nearby schools to make sure that all stakeholders have their opportunity to express their thoughts on this proposal.

Background

As you may well be aware there is an increase in the demand for special school places and SEN resourced provision places nationally. At present, special schools and resourced provision places are oversubscribed nationally and locally. This means that some children who require a specialist school place either must wait for a place to become available or must travel some distance daily to be able to access the nearest available provision. Schools in Shropshire have been approached by the Local Authority to support them with providing, where possible, additional resourced provision. The Governors have therefore proposed that a SEND Provision Hub be developed at Albrighton Primary School to support the need for this additional provision in our local area.

For us as a school, this is a fantastic opportunity to continue to build on the work we already do to support all our pupils and would further increase the expertise of our staff in supporting a range of special educational needs.

Albrighton Primary School, and the Local Authority, propose to develop a 16-place special educational needs resourced provision within the existing footprint of the school building.

The main benefits of this proposal:

The SEN resourced provision will accommodate up to 16 primary-aged children over time with an EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan). Initially, the plan will be for the provision to support up to 8 children, growing gradually to 16 places as it is appropriate to do so.

The SEN resourced provision will be accommodated in existing space in the EYFS building and a further smaller space in the main school building.

The SEN resourced provision would be separately funded, and both current and additional staff, who will be recruited, will ensure that the resourced provision would not impact the quality of education currently provided at Albrighton Primary School, in fact it will enhance the provision we already have. We do have some existing SEND staff who are experienced and qualified to support the development of the new provision, and the school has appropriate space available.

There is a need for this provision in the local area and it is important that we take this opportunity to provide what we know is possible as we have the space, expertise and passion to make a difference to all children.

No capital funding will be required by the school to implement this proposal. It will not affect the capacity of the school and does not put pressure on existing classroom spaces.

The Process

The proposed indicative timetable is as follows:

3-week Consultation Period: Monday 16th June 2025 to Monday 7th July 2025. There is a 3-week consultation period, during which anyone with a view on the change can express them. Once the consultation period has closed governors will meet to consider all the responses before making a final decision on any changes. All responses must be received by 12pm on Monday 7th July 2025.

Governing Body meeting: The Governing Body will consider the consultation responses and whether to implement this proposal on the week of Monday 7th July 2025. We will respond to any questions raised, and post replies on our school website. If it is agreed that the proposal will be implemented, it is expected that this will take effect as of 1st September 2025.

Please respond to the Consultation by 12pm 7th July 2025:

In writing: Consultation, FAO Mrs K Tearle, Headteacher, Albrighton Primary School and Nursery, New House Lane, Albrighton, WV7 3QS.

Or by emailing: admin@albrightonprimary.com with the subject line SEND Hub Consultation.

Kind Regards,

K. Tearle

Karen Tearle (on behalf of the governors)