

## Statutory Consultation

### *Proposal to establish a resource base at Clarendon Infant School*

#### Introduction

Wiltshire Council proposes to establish a resource base (a Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision) at Clarendon Infant School, Tidworth, Wiltshire. This proposal has been developed in response to the demand for special educational needs provision in the Tidworth area.

Should the creation of the resource base be agreed, the council and the school will work together to ensure that all admissions are handled effectively and efficiently.

#### The Proposal

In accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 **Wiltshire Council are proposing changes to Clarendon Infant School, to establish a resource base and register it with the Department for Education (DfE).**

The SEN designation of the resource base would be Complex Needs to support the needs of children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and would be inclusive of children with Communication and Interaction needs and/or an autistic spectrum condition. The resource base would receive children with SEN from the local area, not limited to the school's mainstream catchment.

The resource base would open in September 2022, initially for a up to 10 places, with the expectation that the resource base would increase the number of places available from September 2023. The Published Admissions Number of the school will remain the same and not be impacted by this proposal.

Wiltshire Council are making this proposal to meet the needs of the growing number of children with SEND, particularly in the Tidworth area.

#### The case for establishing a resource base at Clarendon Infant's School

Wiltshire Council has a statutory duty to secure sufficient school places for pupils with special education needs (Children and Families Act 2014) and to ensure that these places provide both high quality provision and value for money. The establishment of a resource base at Clarendon Infant School is being proposed for the following reasons:

- Wiltshire Council has identified a demand for resource base provision in the Tidworth area
- Clarendon Infant School was judged to be a good school by Ofsted at their last inspection in March 2017
- Clarendon Infant School are committed to inclusion and delivering a high-quality SEN provision
- Existing, suitable indoor and outdoor space at the school have been identified for the resource base
- Affordable refurbishment and adaptation work has been agreed in principle between Wiltshire Council and the school to make the identified spaces ideal for resource base provision
- Clarendon Infant School are fully supportive of the proposal

## **The Outcomes of the Proposal**

Wiltshire Council is proposing to establish a resource base at Clarendon Infant School.

We believe that this will:

- Provide additional capacity to manage demand for SEN school places in Wiltshire, particularly in the Tidworth area where demand is high
- Support improved educational outcomes for children with SEN

This proposal is not expected to have any limiting impact on other local provision including local schools but will contribute towards parental choice.

## **Implementation**

Following consultation, the local authority and school will work together to ensure that all admissions are handled effectively and efficiently. Pupils will start at the new resource base from September 2022.

The establishment of a resource base at Clarendon Infants is part of a wider plan of increased SEN school place capacity across Wiltshire to ensure countywide SEN school place sufficiency.

## **Costs and Expenditure**

Clarendon Infant School will receive SEN place funding for each child placed at the resource base and top up funding for each child which will vary according to the child's needs identified in their EHCP. The school will be responsible for staffing and resources, and the local authority and the school have worked together to financially model the provision to ensure it is affordable and will not impact upon the mainstream school budget.

The capital costs for the agreed refurbishment and adaptations have been costed and will be funded by the local authority from the SEN capital grant.

All statutory consultation requirements relating to these proposals have been complied with.

## Consultation Process Indicative Timeline

Stage 1	Publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal will be published on the Clarendon Infant School and Wiltshire Council website for 4 weeks from 6/06/2022 until 3/07/2022</li> <li>• A copy of the proposal has been sent to the Governors of Clarendon Infant School and the Head Teacher</li> <li>• Clarendon Infant School will ensure that the information is released through a circulated update (this may be a paper or electronic newsletter or update) and sent directly to all parent/carers of all registered pupils</li> <li>• Copies of the proposal will be available via the school, by contacting Wiltshire Council and on the websites.</li> <li>• Comments can be made using the online survey <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-consultations">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-consultations</a>, via E-mail or letter to:  Clarendon Infant School Resource Base Consultation, Commissioning, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Rd, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN or <a href="mailto:SpecialSchools@wiltshire.gov.uk">SpecialSchools@wiltshire.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• <b>Comments must be received by no later than the 3/07/2022 to be considered in the decision-making process.</b></li> </ul>
Stage 2	Representation (Formal consultation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The period of consultation will run from 6/06/2022 – 3/07/2022</li> </ul>
Stage 3	Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the representation period, a decision will be made by the end of July 2022</li> </ul> <p>The proposal can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Accepted</li> <li>○ Rejected</li> <li>○ Or accepted with modifications by the proposer</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The decision will be published within one week of the decision and; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ published on the same sites as the publication</li> <li>○ sent to every registered pupil</li> <li>○ and sent to the governing body</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Stage 4	Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If approved, the new resource base will open from September 2022.</li> <li>• The Secretary of State will be informed by updating the department's Register of Educational Establishments (EduBase)</li> </ul>

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## **Responses**

Comments can be made using the online survey <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-consultations>, via E-mail or letter to:

Clarendon Infants Resource Base Consultation, Commissioning, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Rd, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN or [SpecialSchools@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:SpecialSchools@wiltshire.gov.uk)

If you choose to respond via letter, please use the consultation response template below:

Please note that all comments must be received by **3/07/2022**.

<b>Consultation Response:</b>				
Please circle your role:	Pupil	Parent/carer/ family	Governor	Member of staff
Do you agree with the proposal to establish a resource base at Clarendon Infant School?		Yes	No	Not sure
Please Comment:				
Do you think there are other options that should be explored? (please describe)				
Are there any other comments you would like to make?				