

Responses to the Clarendon Infant School Resource Base Consultation

Prior to the formal consultation period, in accordance with DfE guidance good practice, a pre-consultation informal information session was held on 25th May 2022. The session was promoted to all Clarendon Infant School parents/ carers, staff and governors. The head teacher, one parent carer and the SEND Place Commissioning Lead attended the meeting.

The feedback from the parent carer was that they were in favour of the proposal and some clarification was provided regarding how it would work in practice.

The formal consultation ran for 4 weeks from 6th June – 3rd July, in accordance with the DfE guidelines. Three responses were received via email and no hard copy responses were received. All three responses were in favour of the proposal. The limited number of responses was consistent with previous similar consultations.

This proposal was to increase SEN provision available in the Tidworth area.

Response	From	Do you agree with the proposal?	Comments regarding response
<p>I fully support this proposal from the council in order to meet the needs of the growing number of children with SEND in Tidworth area.</p> <p>Clarendon Infant School was judged to be a good school by Ofsted in 2017 and they are committed to inclusion and delivering a high-quality SEN provision with existing, suitable indoor and outdoor space.</p> <p>This is an excellent move forward from council to establish a resource base in Tidworth in support of children with SEND.</p>	Parent carer	Yes	Agreed

<p>As parents of a SEN child who attends Clarendon School, we feel this is a resource which will be very valuable to children with additional needs. However, my child is currently supported 1-1 and is on the pathway of a formal diagnosis and presents at times with aggressive behaviours. My child doesn't have a EHCP and I feel that because of this they will miss out on this opportunity of support. The school are in the process of applying for an EHCP but we feel that children who have identified needs and are on the pathway of an EHCP, who we know would benefit from this new resource base, are being forgotten about.</p> <p>We believe this resource is going to be great but feel strongly that consultations must take place between the school and parents of SEN children who are identified as requiring the use of this resource but don't have a confirmed EHCP.</p>	Parent carer	Yes	Resource base places are reserved for children who have an EHCP and a resource base decision. However, the school will provide inclusive SEN provision for all children attending the school and the whole school will benefit from the increase in SEN expertise from a resource base.
I think this is a great opportunity to create a much- needed provision, bringing the school further into the heart of the community.	Head Teacher, Clarendon Infant School	Yes	Agreed

Considering the responses to the consultation, and in particular that all of the responses were in favour of the proposal, **the recommendation is to approve the creation of the resource base as per the original proposal.**