

25 April 2022



Consultation on proposal to expand the existing Learning and Cognition Specialist Resource Base (SRB) at Hillside Primary, Bradwell, Norfolk, from 1 January 2023

Norfolk County Council would like to hear your views on our proposal for Hillside Primary School. We are proposing:

- To increase the number of pupils with Learning and Cognition at Hillside Primary School's Specialist Resource Base, by adding 10 places from 1 January 2023 onwards. This will make it a 20 place SRB across the primary phase.

We are committed to reviewing and developing Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) provision as part of Norfolk's Local Offer of support to children, young people and families.

The proposal will also be supported by a revised funding agreement to support an increased staffing structure.

The SRB places will be allocated through Norfolk County Admissions processes and the base will grow up to full capacity from 1 January 2023.

Why we want to add 10 places to the existing SRB

Norfolk County Council feel these changes would benefit children and young people because it will;

- Support more children with special education needs and disabilities to be educated and thrive in their local school and community.
- Enhance children's progress by effectively meeting their individual social communication and interaction needs
- Help facilitate better access to the curriculum and support students to achieve their potential
- Ensure that needs can be met locally avoiding the need for children to spend unnecessary time travelling to an appropriate school further away. This is better for children and young people and saves the taxpayer money in transport costs.
- Increase the availability of places to meet the needs of children with SEND
- Address identified geographical and age and phase gaps in SRB provision as identified in Norfolk's SEND Strategy
- Support the sharing of expertise and good practice as part our school.

Norfolk County Council takes into account several considerations when proposing changes to the organisation of schools. This includes school leadership, performance, impact on the community, diversity of provision, need for places, travel, early years provision and special education provision. The overall driving force is to ensure that any change is in the best interest of children's education and achievement.

Capital costs

All capital costs for refurbishment will be funded by the Local Authority to ensure there is the appropriate accommodation.

How can you have your say

This consultation is an opportunity to tell us your views and ask questions on our proposal to add 10 places to the Learning and Cognition SRB.

You can do this by:

- Completing the attached form and handing it to your school office
- Accessing our online survey <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/hillside>
- Emailing schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk

There will be a drop consultation event on Thursday 5 May 2022 at Hillside Primary School at 6pm.

We need all responses by 12 noon, Friday 10 June 2022.

What happens next

Norfolk County Council will review the responses to this consultation and present the findings to the Executive Director of Children's Services who will decide whether to proceed to the statutory public notice stage for this proposal.

Background Information

Norfolk's Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) Strategy

In 2018, Norfolk County Council announced it was to invest £120m in specialist school places and services, with up to four new special schools and 170 places in specialist bases at mainstream schools. One of our objectives through the Norfolk Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) and Alternative Provision Transformation Programme is to create more than 500 extra school places for children with special education needs and disabilities in Norfolk. Our proposal is part of this investment. Specialist Resource Bases are a key part of Norfolk's Local Offer for children with special educational needs and their families and has been identified in Norfolk's SEND Strategy as a priority for development.

What are Learning and Cognition bases

All bases Learning and cognition bases form part of the Specialist Resource Base programme in Norfolk and are a key component of Norfolk's SEND Local Offer and of mainstream inclusion support to children, families and the school system.

They are additionally resourced provision with small class sizes, high staffing ratios and access to additionally funded specialist support. Pupils are supported with a highly differentiated provision which reflects the learning difficulties each child has. The teaching follows an individualised learning plan to accelerate progress in core skills and so, enable successful reintegration back to mainstream provision.

Children attend for an initial two terms of support but remain on the home school roll. Placement can be extended for an additional two terms should it be needed.



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Let us know what you think of our proposal.

How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to establish a permanent 20 place Learning and Cognition Specialist Resource Base at Hillside Primary School from 1 January 2023? Please tick a box.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Why do you say this? Please write in the box below.

Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make to help us with this decision and in planning for the future provision of the children? Please write in the box below.

We would like to hear from many different people as your views help us to decide whether or not we make these changes. We will also use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal to establish the Specialist Resource Base at Hillside Primary School.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and Norfolk County Council's data protection policy and guidelines. This means that Norfolk County Council will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation.

We won't identify individuals when reporting back our findings and under our record management policy we will keep this information for five years. We will also, under normal circumstances, not pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation, including any personal information. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please tell us who you are, (tick all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil | <input type="checkbox"/> School governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Guardian | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Parent Teacher Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |

Other (please specify): _____

At which school? _____

What is your postcode? _____

Your views will help us decide if this proposal goes ahead. You can tell us your views by returning this completed form to:

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This consultation ends at 12 noon on 10 June 2022