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## Stakeholder Consultation: Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) at Birchwood Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers, Staff, Local Stakeholders, Governors, and Trustees,

We are pleased to announce that we have been working with Warwickshire Council to provide additional local support for children with additional needs in our region. To that end, we propose to open a new Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) unit at Birchwood Primary School.

It has been a core part of our planning to ensure that we deliver high-quality SEND provision. A collaborative and integrated approach will benefit all our children, enhance the culture of our school, and support the local need for places in specialist provision.

Our plans are now at a stage where we wish to invite your views and questions regarding this proposed provision. Our consultation will run from Monday 24 March 2025 to Monday 21 April 2025.

### The Birchwood Nest

This proposed SRP will support and educate up to eight children in Years R to 6 and will be specifically for children with an Education and Health Care Plan with C&I (Communication and Interaction) needs. This will assist children with speech and language and communication difficulties, supporting them to communicate with those around them and develop social skills and relationships with others.

The SRP is designed for children who would struggle to progress in their learning in a traditional mainstream setting without the benefit of specialised input and tailored interventions. Over time, we anticipate that these pupils will successfully engage in the majority of mainstream lessons, fostering a sense of inclusion and belonging. Children attending the SRP will typically require additional support to identify and overcome various barriers to their learning. The on-site presence of this provision will enable children to access essential resources and expertise in a timely manner, which, in turn, will mitigate any potential adverse effects on their educational experience or emotional well-being.

The Nest is currently a detached building on the Birchwood Primary School site, formerly the Sure Start Children's Centre. This will undergo a full refurbishment and will be adjoined to the main school. The Nest will provide one main teaching space indoors and outdoors, with separate intervention and sensory rooms. The building will also provide additional teaching and learning space to support the school in delivering a full curriculum entitlement to all children.



## **Funding**

Warwickshire will fund the development of this SRP. The funding includes all building works required to ensure that the provision meets the needs of the pupils accessing the support. It will also cover the cost of a specialist teacher, who possesses the experience and expertise to lead the provision and manage staff. Any additional costs associated with the SRP will not come from the school's current budget. The agreed funding covers the initial setup of the SRP and the ongoing financial stability required.

## **Staffing**

The SRP will be led by the existing leadership at Birchwood Primary School; however, additional specialist staff with a range of skills, qualifications, and knowledge will be recruited to run, manage, teach, and support children, both within the designated provision space and integrating into their mainstream lessons.

## **When will the SRP open?**

The plan is for The Nest to open in September 2025. It is envisaged that The Nest will initially open with approximately four children and will review applications for additional spaces from January 2026. The Nest will have a gradual introduction of children but will aim to reach capacity within the first two years.

## **Feedback and Involvement**

We believe that your insights, feedback, and suggestions are invaluable as we strive to create this additional provision to meet the diverse needs of our children. We encourage you to share any comments or questions you may have.

If you would like to provide your feedback or discuss this initiative further, please complete the form via the link:

[Feedback Form](#)

We are committed to fostering a collaborative approach and ensuring that the voices of all stakeholders are heard and considered. The deadline for providing feedback is 4:00 PM on Monday 21 April 2025. Following the closure of the consultation, we will respond formally to any issues raised and communicate our next steps.

Thank you for your support. As ever, Birchwood Primary School aims to provide the very best education possible for the children and families that we serve, and we believe that these proposals will meet a need for some children and families in our locality.

Yours sincerely



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