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Reculver CE Primary School Consultation

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To Parents/Carers, Staff and other interested Parties

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Proposed changes to Reculver CE Primary School

We are very pleased to inform you of plans for changes at Reculver CE Primary School.

The school has been identified by Kent County Council (KCC) as doing particularly well at supporting pupils with Cognition and Learning Needs and / or Sensory Impairment. KCC has asked the school to consider creating a new Specialist Resource Base Provision (SRBP) within the school for up to 15 children. The places will be commissioned by KCC and reviewed each year. It is expected that the SRBP would open initially with children currently on roll at the school who meet the criteria for a place in the SRBP. The number would then increase incrementally each year. The school has agreed to hold a public consultation with KCC and we would like to hear your views on the proposal.

This will be an excellent opportunity for the school to use their knowledge and expertise to the full by accommodating local children in a caring, nurturing environment, both within the SRBP and the school as a whole. Funding will be provided by KCC to enable the school to provide additional support.

We hope the following questions and answers will explain, in more detail, what creating an SRBP will mean.

What is Reculver CE Primary School being asked to do?

The school is being asked to create a SRBP for up to 15 pupils. The school is confident that its staff has the relevant expertise and skills to meet the needs of these children.

What type of Cognition and Learning/Sensory Impairment do you mean?

The children attending the SRBP will have moderate learning difficulties and / or additional needs such as sensory (visual) impairment, a diagnosis of global development delay and / or severe learning difficulties. It will also include some pupils with a social communication disorder with underlying learning difficulties.

How will you work out which children will attend the SRBP?

A specialist assessment of their needs will identify that they are suitable for a mainstream school. The Head and Governors will be invited to take part in the discussions about which pupils are most appropriate and should be admitted. Reculver CE Primary School will be named on the child's Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Will this mean fewer places for local children?

No. Children in the SRBP will be admitted over the current Published Admission Number (PAN) and therefore no places will be lost.



How much funding will the school receive?

Each place commissioned by KCC will bring a minimum of £10,000 per year which will enable the school to provide the additional support necessary to help these children make good social and academic progress. Over time there may be a need to increase staffing levels at the school but, at most, this would be one additional teacher and perhaps a Teaching Assistant.

What will the SRBP look like?

The SRBP will have its own rooms within the school where children can receive some individual and small group teaching and help. The school is highly inclusive so children will not spend all of their time in the SRBP but will be integrated into mainstream classes during each school day as appropriate.

Does that mean we will lose a classroom?

No. We are planning to use existing spaces within the school.

When will the SRBP open?

It is intended that the SRBP will be in place for September 2016, initially catering for children currently already on the school roll.

Tell me more about SRBPs.

A small number of children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), (previously Statements of Special Educational Needs) require higher levels of support than can be provided in their local mainstream schools, but their needs are not so complex that special school placements are appropriate. For children like this KCC maintain a range of Specialist Resource Base Provisions (SRBP) which are based in mainstream schools but reserved for pupils with an EHCP.

We would like your views on this proposal

You can have your say by:

- Emailing us at: office@reculver.kent.sch.uk
- Writing to the Chair of Governors at the school. (You can hand the letter into the school.)

If you are intending to contact us with your views may we ask that you please do this by 11 May 2016.

At the end of the consultation period the Governing Body together with KCC will decide whether or not to proceed with the plans. If the consultation shows that there is support from stakeholders, including parents and the local education community of schools, then a Business Plan will be submitted to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) seeking approval from the Secretary of State for Education.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher