

**Staff & Parents/Guardians of  
pupils attending Crestwood  
Community School and all feeder  
schools**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Crestwood Community School – proposed addition of resourced provision for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs**

I am writing to you to invite your views in respect of Hampshire County Council's proposal to open a resourced provision for young people with Social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) and an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) at Crestwood Community School, Eastleigh.

The new provision is required as there has been an increase in the number of children with SEMH needs and an EHCP in the West of Hampshire. It is also needed to support the Hampshire wide strategy of offering support for pupils to access mainstream education close to their local community but with additional support if necessary. The proposed new provision will cater for up to 14 pupils aged 11-13 and will be available from April 2019 but with admissions phased over a three year period.

Where a Local Authority proposes to permanently establish Special Education Needs provision at a mainstream school, it must consult on the proposal following a set procedure.

**Establishing Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (SEMH) provision at Crestwood Community School**

Since September 2017 the resourced provision for 10 pupils has been operating at Crestwood School as a pilot scheme under the leadership of Cherbourg Primary School which already runs a successful Primary Resourced Provision. This pilot provision has proved extremely successful in improving outcomes for secondary age children and young people (CYP) with SEMH needs and was recently recognised in the school's successful Ofsted Report.

It is therefore proposed that the Resourced Provision is formally opened under the leadership of Crestwood School from April 2019. The Resourced Provision would offer up to 14 places for secondary pupils from across Hampshire who have SEMH needs and whose

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needs cannot be met without additional support. Entry would be into years 7 and 8 only but support would continue for pupils already placed into years 9, 10 and 11 as necessary.

The Local Authority already has five successful Primary SEMH Resourced Provisions across the county. These provisions offer support for children who have difficulty accessing mainstream education on a full time basis and require additional support to do so. However, with this additional support, children with social and emotional needs can successfully overcome their difficulties and learn alongside their peers.

Data from the pilot scheme indicates that the success of the Primary SEMH Resourced Provisions on improving outcomes for CYP with SEMH needs is replicated at secondary age.

### **The Consultation**

This consultation will run until 19 December 2018. Officers will then take into consideration all the consultation responses before deciding whether the proposal should continue to the formal publication stage.

If so, a statutory Public Notice will be published, setting out Hampshire County Council's intent to enlarge the school. It is anticipated that this will be published in January 2019.

After the date of publication there will be a four week period in which any representations can be made. After the conclusion of this period the County Council will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposal. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in February 2019.

### **Further Information**

A drop-in session where you will be able to discuss the proposal with County Council officers is planned for **5 December 2018 from 3.30pm to 6pm at Crestwood Community School at the Shakespeare Road Campus.**

There is also a website set up with the details of the consultation which includes some 'Frequently Asked Questions' that may address any questions you have. The link is shown below:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations>

If you are unable to attend this session or visit the above website and wish to make a comment then please write to Christine Jones, SEN Service Manager, Children's Services Department, Ell Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG or e-mail [strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk](mailto:strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk) **by 19 December 2018.**

Yours sincerely



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