

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

DECISION NO:

18/00028

For publication

Subject: Proposed changes to St Nicholas (Community) Special School

Decision:

Reason(s) for decision:

The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2018-21 sets out the need to provide the opportunity for an increased number of Secondary aged children in Canterbury to be supported in a local school through the establishment of satellite provision of St Nicholas School. It also identifies the need for 900 additional specialist places across the Plan period through a mixture of new Special schools, expansions of existing schools via satellites and new SRPs.

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the need for additional specialist places to meet increasing demand, as set out in Kent's Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2018-21.
- the views expressed by those who responded to the public education consultation
- the Equalities Impact Assessment regarding this; and
- the views of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below.

Financial Implications

a) Capital

The increase in the designated number does not require any alterations to St Nicholas School. Modular accommodation for the satellite provision at Spires Academy is included in the school's expansion programme. SEN funding has been provided to cover the refurbishment cost for the satellite provision at The Canterbury Primary School.

b) Revenue

The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget. Special schools are funded using the DfE Place Plus funding methodology for High Needs Pupils. Revenue funding will also be allocated to enable the school to resource the new satellite classrooms at The Canterbury Primary School and Spires Academy. At present, this is funded at a rate of £6,000 per classroom.

c) Human

The school will appoint members of staff as appropriate for the satellite provisions.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

To be added following the meeting on 10 July 2018

Any alternatives considered:

These were fully explored in the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2018-22

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None

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Signed

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Date