

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

18/00062

For Publication

Subject: This report sets out proposed changes to specialist provision in Maidstone and Tonbridge and Malling.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education Cabinet I agree to:

- (i) increase the designated number of places offered at Five Acre Wood School from 330 to 465 places (including Satellite and Nursery provision) from 15 March 2019.
- (ii) expand the Satellite provision of Five Acre Wood School at Holmesdale School, Malling Road, Snodland ME6 5HS from 70 to 150 students aged 11-19 with moderate to severe learning difficulties from 15 March 2019.
- (i) establish a Satellite provision of Five Acre Wood School at Palace Wood Primary School, Ash Grove, Allington, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 0AB for 30 students aged 4-11 with moderate to severe learning difficulties from 01 September 2019.
- (ii) establish a Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP) for students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) at East Borough Primary School.

Reason(s) for decision:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- the views expressed by those who responded to the public education consultation
- the views expressed by those put in writing by the Area Education Officer for West Kent, the School and the Governing Body.
- the Equalities Impact Assessment regarding this; and
- the views of the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Marisa White (Area Education Officer - East Kent), Ian Watts (Area Education Officer – North Kent), David Adams (Area Education Officer - South Kent) and Jared Nehra (Area Education Officer - West Kent) were in attendance for this item.

1. Ms White, Mr Watts, Mr Adams and Mr Nehra introduced the reports which set out the proposed decisions to expand or alter the following schools: John Wesley Church of England Methodist Primary School, Ashford, Kings Farm Primary School, Gravesend, The Westlands (Secondary Academy) School, and the changes to specialist provision in Maidstone and Malling.
2. Officers answered questions from Members of the Committee and comments were noted.

The recommendations for this proposed decision were as follows:

RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, to

- a) increase the designated number of places offered at Five Acre Wood School from 330 to 465 places (including Satellite and Nursery provision) from 15 March 2019.
- b) expand the Satellite provision of Five Acre Wood School at Holmesdale School, Malling Road, Snodland ME6 5HS from 70 to 150 students aged 11-19 with moderate to severe learning difficulties from 15 March 2019.
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be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered:

All alternatives were explained in the report to CYPE cabinet Committee on 29 November 2018

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

Signed



Date

21 December 2018