

Summary of Written Responses

Kent County Council (KCC) is proposing to make prescribed alterations to St Nicholas (Community Special) School, Holme Oak Close, Nunnery Fields, Canterbury, CT1 3JJ to:

- Establish Secondary satellite provision at The Canterbury Academy for September 2019;
- Establish Primary satellite provision at St John's C.E. Primary School for September 2019.

Consultation information distributed to:

- All Parents/Carers, Governors and Members of Staff at St Nicholas School, St John's C.E. Primary school and The Canterbury Academy;
- All schools in the Canterbury District;
- Canterbury & Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group;
- Elected representatives;
- Diocesan Authorities.

St Nicholas School Responses

Proposed satellite at St Johns Primary School

	Support	Undecided/Not stated	Against	Total
Parents/Carers	60	8	5	73
Pupils	0	0	0	0
Members of Staff	0	0	0	0
Governor	1	0	0	1
Other Interested Parties	1	0	0	1
Total	62	8	5	75

Proposed satellite at Canterbury Academy

	Support	Undecided/Not stated	Against	Total
Parents/Carers	59	8	6	73
Pupils	0	0	0	0
Members of Staff	0	0	0	0
Governor	1	0	0	1
Other Interested Parties	1	0	0	1
Total	61	8	6	75

St Nicholas School – comments from the response forms

Supportive comments:

Parents/Carers

- I think this is a brilliant idea to aid integration between mainstream and specialist school children.
- I'm excited for all the children who will use this provision in the future. Well done St Nic's.

- Brilliant idea sounds excellent!
- Fantastic opportunity to develop further links and opportunities for SEN pupils to be included in a supportive setting.
- I think it's a great idea we need more specialist satellite provisions.
- This is fantastic idea! Defiantly need more mainstream schools with satellite classes that are more local. I believe every mainstream Primary and Secondary school should have units for those children that need extra help.
- Satellite provision is very important and the only way to provide the education needs of many children. It is necessary for these schools to expand and reach wider areas.
- A great idea
- Some students I believe would benefit from integration with secondary school children. Works both ways.
- Expansion of places for specialist teachers in environments that provide social experiences and inclusion for our kids is everything. It's what every parent wants – thank you.
- I believe it to be extremely valuable for our pupils to meet and integrate with pupils from mainstream schools

Undecided Comments

- Concerns are with spreading resources too thinly and amount of children/traffic this will add to the start and end of day at St Nics

Against Comments

- Our main concern is the staffing levels. Will the pupils suffer due to staff cutbacks?
- Not adequate. There are so many new homes being built and with not enough provision for the children that live in the area and this is a fact why so many children are in schools that are not suitable and some children have to taxi a long distance with learning difficulties adding 1 hour or more each way onto journeys.
- St Nicholas school requires a new school to be built to provide the number of places KCC demand.
- These children are in specialist provision for a reason

Canterbury Academy Responses

	Support	Undecided/Not stated	Against	Total
Parents/Carers	8	1	2	11
Pupils	0	0	0	0
Members of Staff	2	0	0	2
Governor	0	0	0	0
Other Interested Parties	1	0	0	1
Total	11	1	2	14

Canterbury Academy – comments from the response forms

Supportive comments

Parents/Carers

- Great opportunity for all
- I whole heartedly agree with this proposal, it is in keeping with the school's ethos of inclusivity

- Wonderful opportunity for all children and the community to be inclusive of all abilities. It would be really beneficial for the pupils from both schools
- Canterbury Academy fosters a wonderful ethos of inclusion which benefits all its pupils.
- It is vitally important for children to mix with all sorts of people, children and adults
Create an environment of love and care rather than fear or misunderstanding

Undecided Comments

- Proper provision and not integrated into classes where satellite students have their own class and not left to struggle and need not met. Staff need to be properly qualified.

Against Comments

- I do not believe that a 32-place secondary provision of St Nicholas will benefit the existing students at Canterbury Academy. I believe it will have a detrimental effect.
- Canterbury High already provide varied types of education to pupils from a very wide range of backgrounds and needs. This would be a step to far and have a detrimental effect on the excellent provisions the academy is currently supplying.

St Johns Primary School Responses

	Support	Undecided/Not stated	Against	Total
Parents/Carers	6	0	0	6
Pupils	0	0	0	0
Members of Staff	0	0	0	0
Governor	0	0	0	0
Other Interested Parties	1	0	0	1
Total	7	0	0	7

St Johns Primary – comments from the response forms

Supportive comments

Parents/Carers

- I think it will be very helpful. I totally agree
- It's a great idea

Supportive comments

Pupil

- That's very kind of you to do that because it lets children go to a normal school. I think you should allow more children to come to St Johns School.