

From: Matt Dunkley, CBE, Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education

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

Subject: Establishing a 15 place Specialist Resource Provision at Kings Farm Primary School

Decision Number: 18/00059

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: None

Future Pathway of Paper: Cabinet Member decision

Electoral Division: Gravesend East - Diane Marsh

Summary:

This report informs the Cabinet Committee of the proposal to establish a 15 place Specialist Resource Provision at Kings Farm Primary School, Gravesend.

Recommendation(s):

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education is asked to:

- I. consider the results of a consultation to seek opinions on the establishment of a 15 place Specialist Resource Provision at Kings Farm Primary School.
- II. issue a statutory public notice to establish a 15 place Special Resource Provision at Kings Farm Primary School from September 2019.

1. Introduction

1.1 Kings Farm Primary School is a community primary school in Gravesend with a PAN of 52. Ofsted judged the school to be Good in all areas in May 2018.

1.2 Kent County Council held a public consultation on a proposal to make prescribed alterations to the school to add a 15 place Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) for children whose primary barrier to learning is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The consultation ran for a four-week period from 24 September to 22 October 2018.

2. Financial Implications

2.1. Capital

There will be minor changes made to the internal layout of two teaching rooms at the school. It is envisaged that this can be met within the schools' own resources, with no draw on the KCC Capital Budget.

2.2. Revenue

The LA will agree the number of places with the school, to a maximum of 15. These will be funded through the delegated budget. This amounts to £10,000 per commissioned place plus 'top up' funding in line with KCC policy.

2.3. Human

Kings Farm Primary will recruit staff for the SRP as the need arises and increases.

3. Vision and priorities for Improvement

3.1 Kent's Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) aims to address, amongst other things, gaps in provision. It has a priority to create at least 275 additional places for ASD and SEMH. The Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent (2018-22) states the intention to commission additional Special School provision along with additional SRP places.

3.2 As the strategic commissioner of school provision, the Local Authority has a duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places for the residents of Kent, including sufficient special educational needs places.

4. Views

4.1 The view of the local Member:

Diane Marsh, the Local Member for Gravesend East has been informed of the plans.

4.2 The view of the Headteacher and Governing Body:

The school, Headteacher and Governing Body fully support the planned proposal.

4.3 The view of the Area Education Officer

Kings Farm School is a good school and we support the proposal to establish a 15 place SRP.

5. Public Consultation

5.1 Consultation Timetable:

Public Consultation period	24 September to 22 October 2018
Public Meeting date	5 October 2018
CYPE meeting	29 November 2018
Public Notice period	December 2018
CYPE meeting (record of decision)	January 2019
Four-week appeal period	Jan/Feb 2019
Implementation	September 2019

5.2 Outcome of the responses to the Consultation:

The consultation was distributed to parents/carers, staff and governors at Kings Farm Primary School, the local Members, Gravesham Borough Council, The Member of Parliament, the Diocesan Authorities, local libraries and others.

A consultation page was set up on Kent.gov.uk. The link to the website was circulated to statutory stakeholders. All interested parties were provided with the opportunity to send in responses via the school, by post and email.

A drop-in consultation event was organised by the School on 2 October 2018 between 3:30pm and 6pm. This provided the opportunity for parent/carers to ask any questions regarding the proposal. One parent attended, and the parent's opinion was in favour.

Following the closure of the consultation 18 responses were received. 17 were positive, 0 negative and 1 undecided. A summary of all written responses is attached at Appendix 1.

5.3 An equalities Impact assessment has been completed as part of the consultation. No comments have been received.

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7. Background Documents

7.1 Vision and Priorities for Improvement 2018-2021

http://www.kelsi.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/68498/Children-Young-People-and-Education-Vision-and-Priorities-for-Improvement-2018-2021.pdf

7.2 Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2018-2022

www.kent.gov.uk/educationprovision

7.3 SEND Strategy

www.kent.gov.uk/sendstrategy

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