



Consultation on the proposal for a new resourced provision for pupils with Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs at Perins School, from September 2024

Perins school would like to hear your views on the proposal to create a new 15 place resourced provision for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) at Perins School from September 2024.

Children with an SEMH diagnosis can may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained. Other children and young people may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.

The consultation will run from 9th February to the 11th of March 2024.

Why do you need to develop a resourced provision for pupils with SEMH at the school?

Hampshire County Council is committed to developing and maintaining provision, where possible, to meet demand. Currently the need to provide school places for pupils with SEMH in this area of the County is a priority. Perins are working with the Local Authority on the potential to establish a Resourced Provision at their school.

Why do you need to enlarge the school?

Hampshire County Council is committed to expanding successful provision where possible to meet demand. There is an increased and growing need to provide support for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs across the county. This proposal will provide much needed specialist educational accommodation to meet current and future demand.

Perins School is successfully meeting the needs of children with special educational needs and has the site available and leadership expertise to expand to encompass catering for pupils with a range of social, emotional and mental health needs in a safe and secure environment.

What building works will be taking place?

Perins has an available garden area where a new modular building could be installed. This location has easy access from the bus bays and drop off from the car park and is adjacent to the main school site. A two-classroom unit is proposed to include toilets, office, storage, and small group rooms. The school have also requested a covered walkway to link to another building which will be considered.

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These works will allow the school to add a resourced provision which will add an additional up to 15 places over 3 years starting from September 2024. The proposed cost of the works is in the region of £500,000. SEN High Needs Provision capital is available from the local authority to fund these costs.

When will the building works start and how will you ensure the health and safety of pupils attending the school whilst the works are taking place?

It is planned that the building works, to create the facilities at the Perins School site, will start on site during the latter part of the summer term and be complete for September 2024.

Health and safety of children, staff and visitors is paramount. The County Council works with construction partners who have significant experience of working on school sites. A detailed health and safety plan will be drawn up with the school.

What will be the impact on pupils at Perins School?

The children who will attend the resourced provision will be part of a mainstream class and spend some time each day in the resourced provision, for individual and/or small group support. When the children are in the mainstream classroom, they will receive additional support to ensure that their needs are met.

This will give the opportunity for Perins School to further enhance their inclusion and wellbeing offer to all children.

Will the school receive additional funding due to the numbers increasing?

Perins School will receive additional funding based on the increase in number of pupils on their roll. This will provide the additional staffing and resources required.

What happens after this consultation?

This consultation will run from **9th February to the 11th of March 2024**. Council and School staff will then take into consideration all the consultation responses before deciding whether to submit a full business case to the Department for Education Regional Director for formal approval.

Will I have the opportunity to discuss the proposal and ask questions?

A drop-in session where you will be able to discuss the proposal will take place on the 22 February 2024 between 3pm and 6pm in Perins Main School Hall.

If you are unable to email or visit the above website and wish to make a comment then please write to Mr S Jones, CEO/Executive Head, The Perins MAT, Pound Hill, Alresford, SO24 9BS.

All comments must be received by the 11th March 2024.

How can my views be heard?

We will consider all responses received via e-mail (consultation@perins.hants.sch.uk) or letter.

The closing date for responses is 11th March 2024.