

22 April 2021

Dear Acorns parent

On 08 February I wrote to advise you that the Council was asking for your comments on a proposal to close the Resourced Provision for Children with Complex and Multiple Learning Difficulties (CMLD) at the school.

This proposal was made at the request of the school. This was because the seven-place unit has vacant places and is currently costing the school more to run than it receives in funding. This puts a strain on the main school's budget.

Having considered questions raised about the proposal, taken into account the school's views, and considered how pupils currently in the Resourced Provision, and those with similar needs, might receive their education in the future the Director of Education and Inclusion has decided the proposal should proceed to the publication of a public notice proposing closure of the Resourced Provision.

Notice and Representation

A public notice announcing the proposal for closure will be published on 22 April 2021. This begins a period of four weeks when anyone may make a 'representation' (a comment which can be an objection or could be in support) on the proposal to remove the resourced provision for children with CMLD from the school from 01 September 2021. You have until midnight on 19 May to make your comment.

How to give your views

Please take the opportunity to read the full consultation document. It is available on the Council's website: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/theacornsconsultation or you can request the school send a printed copy of the consultation document home to you.

Everybody is welcome to submit comments on this proposal by:

- emailing comments to:
schoolplanningandpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- or sending a letter to:
School Planning and Policy (Nicholas House), Cheshire West & Chester Council,
4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

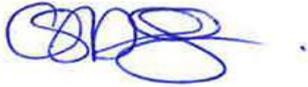
All responses received will be shared with the decision-maker, the Cabinet Member for Children and Families. Full details of how we manage the information provided by respondents can be found at: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/system-pages/privacy-notices/consultations-privacy-notice.aspx>

All feedback must be received by the deadline of midnight 19 May 2021

What happens next?

The case for closure of the Resourced Provision will be considered by the Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Families who must give consideration to any 'representations' received when making that decision. It is expected that the decision whether to close the decision will be made by the end of the Summer Term 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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