

# St John Plessington Catholic College

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4th December 2024

## Significant Change:

**Consultation to open a 12 place Resource Base at St John Plessington Catholic College with effect from February 2025**

Dear Stakeholder

We are excited to announce a proposal for a significant change at St John Plessington Catholic College to establish a 12-place resource provision on our existing site. This provision will specifically cater to students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or Social Communication Needs (SCN). Our aim is to enhance the educational experience for these students while promoting inclusivity within our school community. The PAN for the resource provision is 12.

## Purpose of the Consultation

This consultation seeks to gather feedback from all stakeholders, including parents, staff, local authorities and other schools, regarding the proposed resource provision. Your insights and opinions are invaluable to us as we strive to create an environment that meets the needs of all students.

Whilst there is a decreasing trend in pupils in the school age population in Wirral, there is an ongoing increase in the demand for special school places across the age range. There has been a significant increase in the number of children requiring smaller, specialist resourced provision, placing an unmanageable demand on our special schools.

The Local Authority has requested for all local schools to consider the creation of a Resourced Provision Base to cater for the extra demand on places.

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**Mission** - Empowering an inclusive community founded on Gospel Values

**Values** - Pride, respect & determination

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The resource provision will accommodate existing space in the school building and any necessary works will be undertaken using capital spend. It would be separately funded, and additional staff would be recruited to ensure that the provision of a provision would not impact the quality of education currently provided.

The resource provision will be designed for pupils who meet the following criteria:

- Commissioning by Local Authority: Places will be commissioned by the Local Authority for pupils who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) with a primary need of Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and/or Social Communication difficulties.
- Mainstream Integration: Pupils must be able to access at least 50% of lessons in the mainstream school. They should also be able to participate in other elements of the wider school community, such as collective worship and extracurricular activities.
- Placement Limitations: We cannot offer a place to a pupil who requires a full-time base placement or full-time small group teaching. The focus will be on supporting students in a way that allows them to thrive within the mainstream environment.
- Initial Year Groups: Initially, we will only be accepting consultations for pupils in Year 7 or Year 8.

We invite you to share your views on this proposal. The consultation period will run from 4th December 2024 to 17th January 2025. Feedback can be submitted via:

- Email: [headteacher@stjohnplessington.com](mailto:headteacher@stjohnplessington.com) - **Subject: Resource Provision Consultation**
- Online Survey: [Link to Survey](#)
- In-Person Meetings: Should you wish to speak to someone regarding the consultation please call 0151 645 5049 and ask to speak with the Headteacher's PA Chris Lamb.

## Conclusion

We believe that this resource provision will significantly benefit students with ASD and SCN, providing them with the support they need to succeed in a mainstream educational setting. Your feedback is crucial to the success of this initiative, and we encourage all stakeholders to participate in the consultation process. Following the consultation period, the governing Body will consider all responses and take these into account.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the success of all students at St John Plessington Catholic College.

Yours sincerely



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