

# All Saints CE Primary School Specialist facility consultation



To pupils, parents/carers, staff, governors and stakeholders

**East Sussex County Council is proposing to establish a specialist facility at All Saints CE Primary School from 1 September 2022. The facility would accommodate up to 12 pupils with neuro-diverse profiles, such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder and associated Social, Emotional and Mental Health and Speech, Language and Communication Needs.**

## Why do we need to establish a specialist facility at All Saints CE Primary School?

Local authorities have a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient good school places for all pupils, including for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). East Sussex County Council (the local authority)'s SEND forecasts provide clear evidence that we will continue to see an increase in the number of pupils with SEND over the next 10-15 years.

The overall number of children and young people age 4-24 with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) has been rising in recent years and is forecast to continue to rise, as shown in Chart 1. Over the next 5 years, we forecast that overall numbers will continue rising but at a slower rate. From 2014-15 to 2019-20 the number of children and young people with plans rose by 861 to 3503. From 2019-20 to 2024-25 we are currently predicting an increase of 422.

**Chart 1: Overall Numbers with EHCPs – Age 4-24 years**

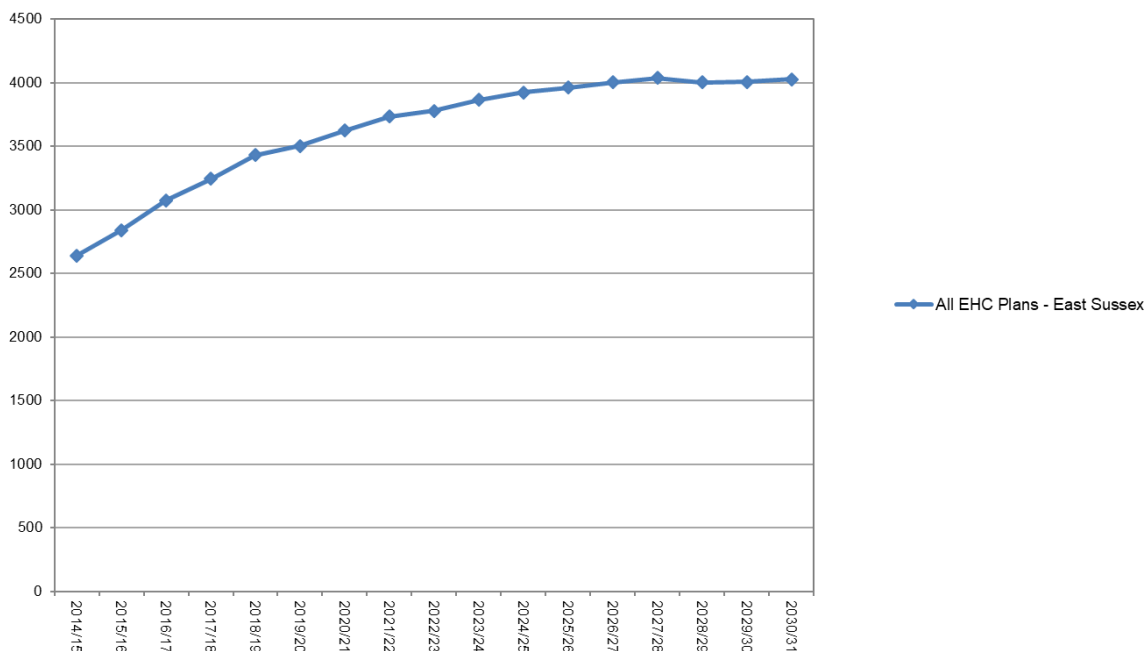
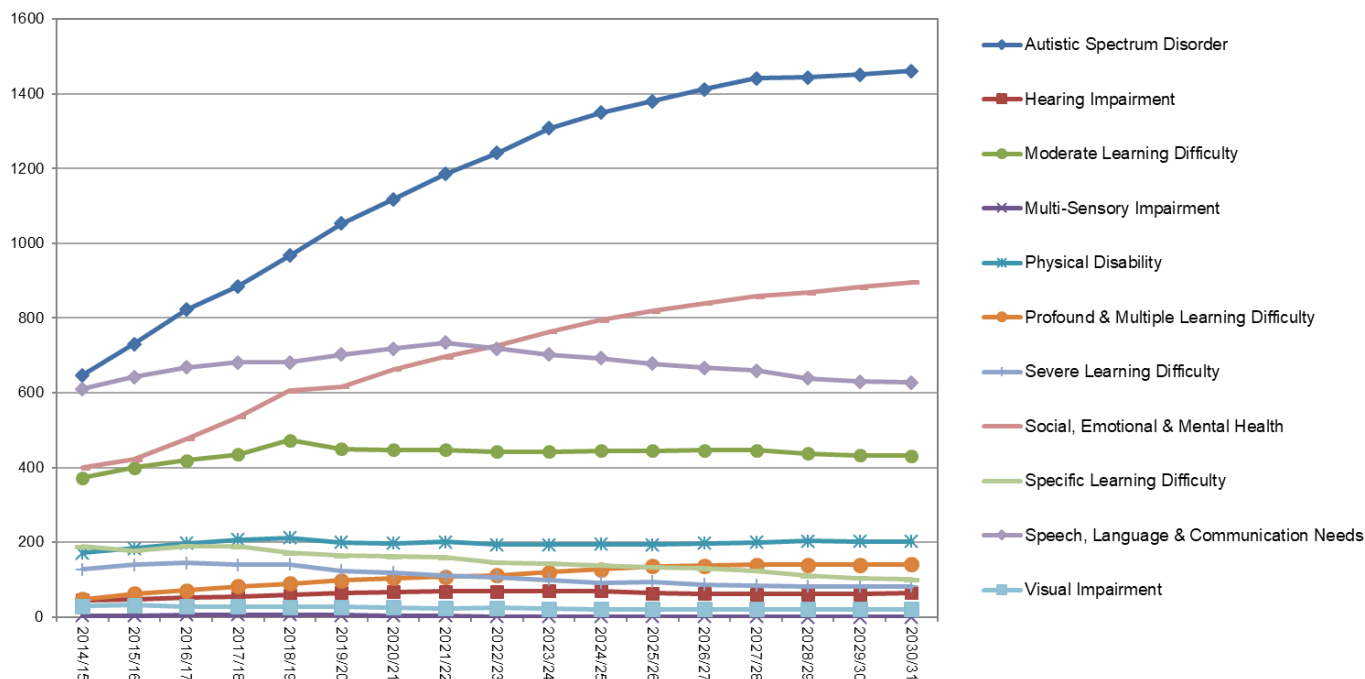


Chart 2 shows the historic and forecast numbers with plans by primary need group. The chart shows that the two groups with the biggest increases continue to be Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH). Rising ASD pupil numbers reflect increases in diagnosis and an increase in parental and professional awareness of these needs. We are still seeing an increase in SEMH, and schools are reporting challenges in meeting these pupils' needs.

**Chart 2: EHCPs by Primary Need Group**



Over the last few years, the local authority has been implementing its strategy to develop more places for SEND pupils. This includes securing new free special schools and the development of more specialist facilities in mainstream schools. The local authority undertook a consultation earlier in the year on its SEND place planning strategy. Feedback from the consultation agreed that a priority for the local authority should be the creation of specialist provision in mainstream primary schools for pupils with neuro-diverse profiles, such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder and associated Social, Emotional and Mental Health and Speech, Language and Communication Needs, in the Rother area. The local authority would like to establish a facility for up to 12 pupils at All Saints CE Primary School (the school) in Bexhill to address this.

### What are specialist facilities?

Specialist facilities are located within a mainstream school and provide specific support to a limited number of pupils with an education and health care plan (EHCP) naming a specific primary Special Educational Need (SEN). Pupils within the facility are on the roll of the mainstream school and are in addition to the published admission number. The school receives additional funding from the local authority to support the child. Placements are determined by the local authority according to clear criteria and will be drawn from a wider geographical area than the school's usual catchment.

Specialist facilities promote an ethos of inclusion and help integrate their pupils into the mainstream school for as much of their learning time as their needs allow. Specialist facilities also provide access to a base within the school for more intensive learning and support when required. The expertise of staff within specialist facilities provides significant benefits to the rest of the school and other schools in the local area to support all pupils with SEN and create a fully inclusive learning environment.

Pupils in the facility will have their special educational needs reviewed regularly in discussion with parents/carers and professionals to ensure that the facility remains the most appropriate placement to meet these needs.

### What will be the impact of the new facility on other pupils in the school?

We would expect the new facility to have a positive impact on provision at the school. Specialist staff would work with pupils in the new facility and also work with teaching staff across the school to develop skills and expertise in responding to SEN needs and creating an inclusive environment.

### Will building work be required to establish the new facility and, if so, how will this be funded?

The school and the local authority have identified the former nursery building on the site as suitable to accommodate the new facility. Some internal adaptations would be required to the building and

the local authority would work closely with the school to ensure these are completed in time for the facility to open.

### **How can I give my views?**

The consultation period runs from 12 November to 10 December 2021.

You can give your views by:

- Completing the online survey on the ESCC [consultation hub](#)
- Emailing the local authority at: [school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk)

All comments must be received by **10 December 2021** or they cannot be taken into account.

If you would like a paper copy of the consultation document, please email:

[school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk)

### **What happens next?**

Following the consultation period, a report on the outcome of the consultation will be considered by the Lead Member for Education, Inclusion and Special Educational Needs and Disability at a meeting in January 2022. The Lead Member will decide whether to proceed with the proposal. If approved, a statutory notice would be published on the ESCC website, probably in February 2022, which would be followed by a representation period lasting four weeks when further comments or objections to the proposal could be submitted. The Lead Member would consider any responses received during this time before making a final decision on whether to approve the proposal at a meeting likely to be held in April 2022.

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Our proposal is to establish a specialist facility at All Saints CE Primary School from 1 September 2022 for up to 12 pupils with neuro-diverse profiles, such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder and associated Social, Emotional and Mental Health and Speech, Language and Communication Needs.

East Sussex County Council would welcome your views on the proposal. The consultation period finishes on **10 December 2021**. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy please print this form and send it to: School Consultations, Standards and Learning Effectiveness Service, Children's Services Department, East Sussex County Council, East G, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1UE.

**1. Do you support the proposal to establish a specialist facility at All Saints CE Primary School for up to 12 pupils with neuro-diverse profiles, such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder and associated Social, Emotional and Mental Health and Speech, Language and Communication Needs?**

Yes

No

Undecided

**2. Please provide any comments below:**

**3. Which of the following best describes you?**

- Pupil at All Saints CE Primary School
- Parent / carer of a child at All Saints CE Primary School
- Member of staff at All Saints CE Primary School
- Governor at All Saints CE Primary School
- Member of the local community
- Other (please say) .....

## About you

You don't have to answer the questions in this section, but it will help us to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally if you do. Your information will only be used and reported anonymously to support the consultation, engagement or feedback activity you are taking part in. We will keep your individual information for a period of up to five years and we won't keep it any longer than is necessary. Please contact schools consultations at [school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk) if you would like more information. Read the full privacy notice here: [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/privacy/about-you-survey/](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/privacy/about-you-survey/)

4 Are you.....?  Male  Female  Prefer not to say

5. How old are you?   Tick here if you prefer not to say

6. What is your postcode?   Tick here if you prefer not to say

7. Which of these ethnic backgrounds do you feel you belong to? (Your ethnic background is about lots of things like where your family comes from and the language you speak.)

White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British
<input type="checkbox"/> British	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> African
<input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy/Roma	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/> Other*	<input type="checkbox"/> Other*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other*	<input type="checkbox"/> Arab	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

\*Other Ethnic Group If your ethnic group was not specified in the list please describe your ethnic group:

8. Would you say that you have a disability? (A disability is if you have a problem or illness to do with your mind or body and it makes it hard for you to do everyday things.)

Yes  No  Prefer not to say

9. If you answered yes to question 8, please tell us what problems you face. You may have more than one type, so please select all that apply. If none of these apply to you please select other and give brief details.

- A disability to do with your body (like problems walking, moving, getting around...)
- Problems with hearing or seeing
- Having a bad illness for a long time (like cancer, epilepsy, HIV or another serious sickness)
- Mental health problems (This is a problem to do with your mind and the way you feel. For example, if you feel upset, worried or angry a lot)
- Learning difficulties
- I do not want to say
- Something else, please specify

10. Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion or belief?

Yes  No  Prefer not to say

11. If you answered yes to question 10 which one?

- Christian  Hindu  Muslim  Any other religion, please specify
- Buddhist  Jewish  Sikh

Thank you for providing this information.