

Full Proposal For ‘The Midford’ – A Resource Base at St Nicholas C of E Primary School, Radstock, BA3 3QH (Voluntary Controlled)

‘Building dreams, overcoming obstacles and making a difference to every individual’ Tammy TA, St Nicholas CE Primary.

Name and address of school

St Nicholas C of E Primary School, Kilmersdon Road, Radstock, BA3 3QH

Details of Local Authority

Bath and North East Somerset Council, Education Inclusion Service, People and Communities Department, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG.

The proposal

St Nicholas C of E Primary school is proposing to open a 10 place resource base for pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan detailing social, emotional and mental health difficulties as the primary need.

Objectives of the proposal

- To provide a safe and nurturing environment to enable pupils to access their education and make excellent progress
- To provide a resource base that works to support pupils in their emotional development through a bespoke programme, enabling pupils to find their talents and succeed
- To provide an attachment-aware environment where pupils are valued for who they are, firm in the belief that the staff believe they are able to succeed and reach their academic potential

Evidence of demand

Bath and North East Somerset does not currently have specific provision for pupils who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (SEMH) and specifically for pupils who have experienced early trauma and display attachment difficulties. Provision for pupils aged 4 to 7 is particularly difficult to find even across the borders of the Local Authority. Furthermore:

- The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) team at the Local Authority have expressed that they would welcome a resource base offering such provision
- This proposal would give parents a local option and would prevent children having to travel long distances to access education
- St Nicholas has a strong reputation for supporting pupils with these difficulties within a mainstream classroom. We believe ‘The Midford’ would give pupils the opportunity to have specialist provision but also offers the opportunity of re-integrating back into mainstream at a later date

Funding

Funding would come via per pupil funding allocated by the Local Authority through the funding for an child requiring specialist provision with an EHCP. The resource base is not seen as a separate entity in terms of funding, it would be a class within our school offering specialist provision. 'The Midford' would offer good value for money to the Local Authority as it should reduce the number of pupils being educated across the border in other Local Authorities or at an independent special school by 10 pupils. Any funding related to implementation such as building alterations to be provided by the school.

Impact on other educational institutions

There are no other institutions offering the service in the area, so there is no negative impact to other educational institutions in the area.

Impact on St Nicholas C of E Primary School

St Nicholas has a long history of being fully inclusive. Opening 'The Midford' would further embed the school's ethos. In September the school would have the buildings to accommodate 420 pupils in the age range 4-11, 45 Early Years children aged 2-4 and 10 SEMH pupils in 'The Midford.'

The opening of 'The Midford' would not impact on the education of other pupils as the children will be educated in their own classroom with separate outdoor space.

Implementation plan and date

Work is currently scheduled for an additional wall to be placed in a cloakroom area, should the proposal be approved. This will cost £1,300 which will be met through the introduction of a VOIP phone system which makes savings in excess of this. No other building alterations are needed.

Staffing has already been agreed from internal staff, should the proposal be approved.

It is proposed that Midford Class will open on 5th September 2019.

Staffing

The resource base would be staffed by 1 teacher and 2 teaching assistants, until demand means staffing would need to be increased. The School's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) would oversee the resource base closely, providing coaching and support.

The Local Authority have stated that they would support us with training through the Educational Psychology service. The two Training Assistants would be trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistants.

Pupils

The base would be for 10 pupils. The pupils will have an EHCP which states SEMH as their main difficulty.

Class

The resource base would form a class within our school. Pupils would be included if and when appropriate at whole school events.

Admissions

Pupils would be admitted via the SEND Local Authority consultation process. The intention would be that pupils applying would stay with us until the end of year 6.

Catchment Area

Whilst some of the children would be travelling a distance to access the provision, some pupils would be expected to come from the immediate area.

Curriculum

The curriculum would be very practical and not be traditional in the way it is delivered. We would be following the advice of the education psychology team as to the best methods to employ, but it is expected that each child would follow a bespoke programme.

Formal Consultation Representation Period - Procedure for Responses

Anyone can support, object to or comment on the proposal. If you would like to submit a representation about this proposal, you can do so in writing to:

Kate Potter
Education Inclusion Service
Bath and North East Somerset Council
Lewis House
Manvers Street
Bath BA1 1JQ

or by email to: kate_potter@bathnes.gov.uk (kate_potter@bathnes.gov.uk)

In order to ensure that every representation response counts, please could you state your relationship to the school e.g. parent/carer, member of staff etc, and provide your home postcode.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 (GDPR) your personal details will not be made public or shared with any other organisation. Any personal details provided will be anonymised for the purpose of decision-making, will not be used for any other purpose, and will be destroyed at the end of the statutory period.

The consultation statutory notice will be published in the Somerset Guardian and on the Somerset Live website on Thursday 6th June 2019.

This full proposal is published on St Nicholas CE Primary School website at:
www.stnicholasschool.co.uk

Copies of the full proposal can be obtained by sending an email to stnicholas_pri@bathnes.gov.uk (stnicholas_pri@bathnes.gov.uk) or by sending a written request to St Nicholas at the above address in Radstock, or by calling St Nicholas Primary on 01761 432101.

The formal consultation begins on Thursday 6th June 2019 and will end at 23.00 on Wednesday 3rd July 2019.

The deadline for responses to be received is 23.00 on Wednesday 3rd July 2019.

We regret that we will be unable to enter into any correspondence regarding responses received.

What Happens Next?

Bath and North East Somerset Local Authority will consider the proposal and all representation responses received during the representation period and decide by Friday 2nd August at the latest, whether to go ahead with the proposal. The decision will be published on the St Nicholas School's website. If the decision was made to proceed, 'The Midford' would open on Wednesday 5th September 2019.

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