



Dear Parents/Carers

Consultation on the Proposal to Establish Resourced (Specialist) Provision at Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Provost Williams Church of England Academy

Introduction

This letter is to advise you of proposals concerning Ryton-on-Dunsmore CE Academy and to invite you to tell us what you think of the proposals. This is part of a statutory consultation process that The Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust is managing regarding improvements being developed in partnership with Warwickshire County Council.

Background

To meet forecast demand and build on the local offer of specialist provision the local authority is continuing the development of SRP's across the county whereby pupils can have their needs met and benefit from being located within a mainstream school environment. Warwickshire offers two types of Specialist Resourced Provision:

- Communication and Interaction (C&I) for children with communication and interaction needs including autistic spectrum conditions (ASC) and speech, language and communication needs (SLCN):
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH).
- Growth and investment continue to be focused on developing SRP's for pupils with C&I and SEMH needs. The demand for this type of provision is expected to continue to rise.

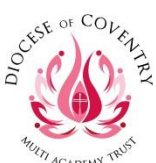
Warwickshire has twenty-four SRP's with a focus on C&I connected to mainstream primary schools; with ten in North Warwickshire (Atherstone, Nuneaton and Bedworth), five in East Warwickshire (Rugby), and nine in South Warwickshire (Warwick, Leamington, Stratford upon Avon and Shipston). There are only 8 SRP's with a focus on SEMH; with two in North Warwickshire, one in East Warwickshire and five in South Warwickshire.

Rationale

Warwickshire County Council have identified a need to expand SRP's across the county, which offers a bridge between mainstream and specialist provision. These are based in local schools to support local need. WCC will provide the capital funding to adapt existing space within the school to create a suitable environment to facilitate this. WCC will provide 'place' and 'top up' funding to ensure that the SRP is financially viable. Places in the SRP will be allocated via WCC High Needs Provision Panel (HNPP) with the requirement that each child that attends will have an EHCP.

The proposal is:

- The proposed SRP at Ryton will support pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) whose primary needs are **SEMH**. These pupils will benefit from accessing education at a mainstream primary school through a flexible approach, tailored to meet their needs.



- The build proposal is to convert an existing classroom, housed off the main school hall, which currently has good access to suitable outdoor space, into a self-contained provision. A bespoke learning environment will be created which will provide a purposeful learning environment for this cohort of learners with easy access to integrate to other parts of the school. SRP will benefit from a sensory / break out space and still retain suitable storage for resources.

Admissions and Pupil Numbers

Admissions to the resourced provision follow a different procedure from that operating for the rest of the school. WCC will manage admissions to the SRP. The referral pathway will be through the County Admissions Panel for Specialist Provision or successor bodies (hereon in referred to as County Panel) or alternatively through Warwickshire's High Needs Panel. No pupil can be admitted without the prior agreement of Warwickshire County Council. Where the School is at capacity, places in the SRP will be in addition to the Published Admission Number (PAN).

What is the proposed timetable?

- 7th January 2026 – 28th January 2026: A 3-week consultation with parents and other interested stakeholders to consider the views expressed regarding the proposals.
- End February: Submission on the proposals to the Department for Education for approval.
- September 2026: Earliest possible implementation date depending on the timescale of response from the Department for Education.

Have Your Say...

As an integral part of this process, we are inviting you to take part in this consultation. We welcome your views on the proposed changes raised in this letter and all viewpoints will be considered as part of the decision-making process.

Feedback can be given in the following ways:

- By email: school.office@rytonondunsmore.covmat.org
- In writing: School Office, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Provost Williams, CE Academy, Soden's Avenue, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, CV8 3FF

You can request a paper copy of this letter by telephoning the school office on 024 76302166 or by emailing school.office@rytonondunsmore.covmat.org. You can also request an alternative format this way.

Deadline for comments is noon on Wednesday 28th January 2026

Following the end of the consultation we shall publish the results, and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous (no personal details will be captured).

Your sincerely,

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Headteacher