

Consultation Regarding Green Lane Primary Academy

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Opening of SEND Base

Consultation for all Stakeholders

Learners, Staff, Parents/Carers, Community

Green Lane Primary Academy



Key Dates:

Consultation starts: 6th October 2022

Consultation ends: 3rd November 2022

Deadline for support, views, questions and concerns: 3rd November 2022 - noon

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is there a need to have a resource base provision?

Over the last 5 years we have seen a definite change in the numbers of children needing places in base provision. Two years of COVID has also contributed to this rise of social and emotional need. Middlesbrough Local Authority has seen a huge increase in demand for this provision and our school would like to respond to these changing requirements and help the children of Middlesbrough.

What will the proposed provision include?

- 8 places Y1 – Y3 for Middlesbrough pupils needing a holistic* based provision
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- 8 places Y4 – Y6 for Middlesbrough pupils needing a holistic* based provision

The SEND Base will be run separately from Green Lane Primary Academy and will not be integrated into mainstream classes. There will be NO changes to mainstream provision within this process.

The Base will operate an outreach model with the aim that children will reintegrate into their 'home' mainstream school on a full-time basis.

As a mainstream school will you be increasing the number of children with SEND?

No. The overall percentage of children with SEND needs will remain separate to the SEND needs of any child accessing the SEND Base. It is really important that we are still a mainstream school with an inclusive provision. Pupils attending the Base will maintain some weekly contact with their 'home' school.

How will the base be managed?

Middlesbrough LA SEND team will have responsibility for overseeing all of the allocations for 16 pupils alongside our SENDCO and will commission the places in partnership with other

Local Authority SEND teams. It is not yet clear if EHCP's will be required as part of the admission processes as Middlesbrough are currently reviewing their SEND pathway procedures.

The Headteacher (Jackie Walsh) and SENDCO (Jen Brownsell) will oversee the running of the base and staff deployment.

Will there be extra funding for the base?

Yes. Middlesbrough Local Authority will provide additional funding to ensure that the base is correctly staffed and it has appropriate resources to support the range of needs and difficulties. Staffing and resources will **NOT** be impacted upon across the rest of the school or for those who currently receive additional support.

Middlesbrough Local Authority have also agreed to capital funding which will allow for a new building. It is important that the learning environment is fit for purpose and is safe and accessible. This additional funding would be beneficial for the whole school and not just the SEND Base.

The funding will be agreed initially over 5 years to ensure consistency and continuity of provision and help to maintain specialist staff. The funding agreement will be legally binding.

When will this proposed base open?

The proposal is to start the SEND Base within the academic year 2023/24. Recruitment and training would commence earlier than that date.

What happens next?

The business case proposal has been agreed in principal by the Governing Body. A period of consultation with the community and local area is now to be undertaken and will close on **Thursday 3rd November, 2022**. Any views and opinions must be gathered. The business case proposal and consultation outcomes must then be presented to the Regional Directors Board. If the proposal is granted then a legal contract would be drawn up between Middlesbrough

Local Authority and Green Lane Primary Academy and plans for implementation can commence.

**Holistic - Taking a holistic approach means looking at the child as a whole and trying to balance any interventions that are offered in a way that benefits that child's entire being and how they live their life, not just in school, but beyond into adulthood.*

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We encourage you to present your support, views, questions and concerns.

Please submit your views either:

- **By email to:** consultation@greenlanemiddlesbrough.co.uk
- **In writing to:** 'SEND Base Consultation' Green Lane Primary Academy, Green Lane, Acklam, Middlesbrough, TS5 7RU