

15th July 2024

Dear parents/carers

I am writing to share some important information with you regarding Kent Special Schools.

During the Autumn in 2022, Kent County Council (KCC) started to review all Special Schools in Kent which has led to a Public Consultation being launched last week.

I would encourage all families to respond to the four questions detailed within the Public Consultation. Your feedback will help to shape the future provision for all children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across the county.

Some of you may be aware of the challenges across the educational sector for children and young people with SEND in both Special and Mainstream Schools. I have been working closely with Headteacher colleagues from Kent's Special Educational Needs Trust (KsENT) and can assure you, we have been advocating on behalf of all children and young people with SEND to ensure they have access to a high-quality provision leading to excellent outcomes now and in the future. I also wish to highlight that whilst I have attended many meetings with the Local Authority, as a group of Special School Headteachers we do not agree with the proposals.

The information below is from **Kent County Council (KCC)**:

There is a link to the Public Consultation and there are Parental Engagement events organised by KCC, should you wish to engage and receive further information.

How to Get Involved: You can have your say by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/specialschoolsreview to find the consultation information and complete the feedback questionnaire. Please respond by Wednesday 31st July 2024.

Parent/Carers: We also encourage parents and carers to participate in our online engagement events. These sessions are designed to gather feedback and answer any questions you may have. Please visit our [public consultation webpage](#) and register to attend for the following dates:

16th July: 5:00pm-6:30pm
22nd July: 5:30pm-7:00pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Jill Palmer
Executive Principal