

**Stanton Community Primary School**

**Statutory Proposal to Establish Special  
Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)  
Provision**

**Full Proposal Document**

**1. LA details**

Suffolk County Council  
Endeavour House  
8 Russell Road  
Ipswich  
IP1 2BX

Suffolk County Council is the Proposer.

**2. School details**

Stanton Community Primary School  
Upthorpe Road  
Stanton  
Bury St Edmunds  
Suffolk  
IP31 2AW

Stanton Community Primary School is currently a Suffolk County Council maintained Community school. The school is scheduled to become an academy with the Eastern Education Group trust.

**3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand**

This proposal is to establish special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision at Stanton Community Primary School from 3 September 2025. The provision will take the form of a Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SEND Unit, with a specialism for Communication and Interaction. The unit will initially open with 15 places, increasing to 25 places and then 35 places over the course of the 2025-26 academic year. It is proposed that the unit will be located in remodelled/refurbished existing surplus accommodation at the school. Pupils in the SEND unit will be on the roll (the Admission Register) of Stanton Primary School, in addition to the current Published Admission Number (PAN), and will be allocated places via Suffolk County Council's specialist admissions process. There will be no change to the school's PAN.

The unit is needed to meet demand for specialist places in Suffolk.

**4. Objectives and reasons**

The proposal reflects the need to meet demand for specialist education places across Suffolk. The number of pupils accessing special schools and units attached to mainstream schools has increased by over 40% and the demand continues to grow. Suffolk currently maintains over 9,600 Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). This has increased significantly in the last two years. Creating 35 SEND places at Stanton Primary School will allow children and young people to access high quality specialist provision within their local community. Stanton Primary School was judged 'Good' by Ofsted in May 2024. The school has wider support from a local Academy Trust to develop their SEND provision.

**5. The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area**

The new SEND provision will bring significant benefits to schools and academies by providing a specialist resource in their local area which has been specifically designed for children with complex needs. Co-locating the provision on a mainstream site will provide opportunities for children in the unit to mix with their peers in a mainstream setting and to access some mainstream classes as appropriate.

**6. Project costs and an indication of how these will be met**

The capital cost associated with the establishment of this provision at Stanton Community Primary is estimated at £600,000. These costs are being met through the Suffolk SEND capital fund which includes funding from the Department for Education (DfE) and the County Council. Long term value for money will be achieved by educating children with SEND in local settings and reducing the need for costly travel and/or out of county placements.

**7. Implementation date**

It is intended to implement the proposal to establish a special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) unit at Stanton Community Primary School from 3 September 2025.

**8. Consultation**

The school recently held an informal consultation with parents/carers of pupils at the school, staff, local schools and other stakeholders on the proposal to establish a SEND Unit at the school. Responses received were fully supportive of the proposal.

**9. Related proposals**

There are no related proposals.

**10. Procedure for making representations (support, objections and comments)**

Any person may object to, express support for, or make comments on the proposal by writing to Stanton Primary SEND Consultation, Schools Infrastructure Team, Children and Young People's Service, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich Suffolk IP1 2BX, or by email to [schools@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:schools@suffolk.gov.uk), within 4 weeks of the publication of this proposal (by 15 August 2025).