

**Exning 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**

Exning Primary School  
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Exning  
Newmarket  
Suffolk  
CB8 7EW

Exning Primary School is a Suffolk County Council maintained Community school.

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

This proposal is to establish special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) reserved provision at Exning Primary School from 1 September 2021. The provision will take the form of a 12 place Reception/Key Stage 1 Specialist Unit which will provide education for children with a wide range of SEND needs. It is proposed that the unit will be located in a new purpose-built standalone building on the Exning Primary School site. Pupils in the specialist unit will be on the roll (the Admission Register) of Exning Primary School and will be allocated places via Suffolk County Council's specialist admissions process. There will be no change to the school's Published Admission Number (PAN).

The unit is needed to meet demand for specialist places arising from the Suffolk SEND Sufficiency Survey undertaken in 2018 which indicated a projected rise of 18% in the number of children and young people with SEND between 2018 and 2020 and a consequent rise in the demand for specialist placements. Health data indicates the likelihood of continuing rises in demand beyond this period.

**4. Objectives and reasons**

The proposal reflects the need to meet demand for specialist education spaces within a new structure i.e. one which will enable children and young people to access a broader range of high quality specialist provision within their local area. The new structure will also better support parents and families in their understanding of the SEND offer.

**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 Exning Primary is estimated at £533,731. 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 special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) reserved provision at Exning Primary School from 1 September 2021.

**8. Consultation**

Consultation on the new SEND structure was undertaken in 2018 with Suffolk County Council Cabinet approval achieved in April 2019. The programme is now in its implementation stage. Details of the consultation can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/send-sufficiency-plan-consultation/>

**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 proposals by writing to Exning Primary School 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 these proposals (by 12 February 2021).