

3rd May 2024

To All Stakeholders and Parents & Carers of Students in Years R-6 and Nursery

Dear Stakeholders,

Formal Consultation on the Proposed Opening of an ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Base on the Peasedown St John Primary School Site for 1st September 2024

I am writing to inform you that Peasedown St John Primary School is currently undergoing a six-week consultation period on the proposed opening of an ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Base for twelve pupils aged Year R-6 on the Peasedown St John Primary School site for 1st September 2024. The consultation period is from Friday 3rd May 2024 to Friday 14th June 2024 at midnight.

Peasedown St John Primary School is a holistic and inclusive school that prepares all of its children well for life and secondary school. The resource base further develops Peasedown St John Primary School as an inclusive school and aligns well with the vision of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership (MNSP) and has the full support of the Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) service.

The resource base will mean that students with ASD will be able to access mainstream education where they receive a meaningful and personalised education while at the same time, integrating within a mainstream setting. They will be taught by specialist staff who support children to learn in a non-threatening environment so that they can flourish and grow. The ASD base will allow us to access additional funding and expertise. In addition, we will be able to provide an improved environment for ASD children, including their own base in the main school building.

The resource base will provide bespoke education for twelve children at a time, for whom the Local Authority would have 'consulted' the school regarding their admission through the Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) process. The resource base will provide additional support for these children, but will also help other children with additional needs also on-roll.

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The resource base will be run from within the current building at Peasedown St John Primary School, with specialist equipment provided where needed, for specific needs. The school will also be provided with start-up funding to make some minor alterations to some rooms to accommodate any specific need identified.

The Consultation will end at midnight on Friday 14th June 2024. Representations must be received by that time, or cannot be considered. We welcome all comments and representations and would like to invite any representations in writing, marked for the attention of the Governors by email to the clerk (scallicott@psjprimary.co.uk). We will respond in writing to those representations and will put anonymous copies of the representations and responses on the school website.

Yours sincerely



Chair of Governors



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