



27 February 2026

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Community Stakeholders,

Proposed Addition of a Specialist Resource Provision at North Leamington School – Public Consultation

We are writing to inform you that the school is launching a four-week public consultation regarding a proposal to establish a Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) on our site. This proposal reflects both our commitment to inclusive education and our ambition to build on the strong support already in place for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) within our school community.

Overview of the Proposal

The school is proposing to develop a ring-fenced Specialist Resource Provision for up to 20 students with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), whose primary need is Communication and Interaction.

Importantly

- These 20 places would be additional to our current capacity
- The proposal will not reduce our Published Admission Number (PAN)
- The SRP would enable more local children with SEND to access high-quality provision within their local community school
- The SRP will enable a local route for eligible primary age children to access specialist provision at secondary level
- The SRP would be a new purpose-built area integrated into our current environment
- The capital development costs will be fully funded by the Local Authority

Why We Are Consulting

This proposal aligns with the national direction of travel for SEND reform, which places strong emphasis on:

- Inclusion within mainstream schools
- Early intervention and targeted support
- Reducing the need for out-of-area placements
- Strengthening local provision for children and families
- Department for Education requirement to seek the views of stakeholders

Benefits of the Proposal

For students and families

- Greater access to specialist support while remaining in a mainstream environment
- Increased opportunities for local children to attend school close to home
- Stronger continuity between mainstream and specialist teaching approaches

For the school and community

- Enhanced specialist expertise and staffing within the school
- Opportunities to further develop inclusive teaching practices across all classrooms
- Strengthened partnerships with external agencies and services

For the local area

- Increased specialist capacity within the local system
- Reduced reliance on distant placements
- Improved outcomes for children with Communication and Interaction needs

Our Commitment

We are proud of the inclusive culture already established within our school. This proposal is not about changing who we are, but about strengthening and extending our ability to meet need locally, ensuring that more children can thrive in a supportive, ambitious environment. Should the proposal proceed, the Specialist Resource Provision would operate as a fully integrated but distinct provision, enabling students to access both specialist support and mainstream opportunities where appropriate and run fully by NLS.

Have Your Say

We are committed to meaningful engagement and welcome views from all stakeholders. The consultation will run for four weeks from 27 February to 27 March 2026.

You can share your feedback in the following way:

- Email to Jodi Brandsma at jbrandsma@northleamington.co.uk

Yours faithfully



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