

13th November 2023

Dear Councillor Stuart

**Re: Egremont Primary School proposed expansion to numbers within the specialist resource provision for children and young people with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs and/or autistic spectrum disorder (ASD).**

Within Wirral Council a need was identified for increased specialist provision for young people with SEMH needs or ASD or both and a specialist resource provision has been developed at Egremont Primary School in response to this need. In consultation with the Department of Education (DfE), it is now proposed to expand the base to provide high-quality support to more young people through inclusive environments and activities. It is proposed that the base will offer 24 places that will be flexibly available for KS2 children within two separate spacious rooms (one for Y3/4 pupils and the other for Y5/6 pupils) with up to 12 children in each. Whilst an inclusive approach is essential, the transition into these classes may be alongside other children where an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)/need for such provision has been identified.

We are now entering the next phase of this exciting journey and wish to consult with our stakeholders - we are keen to hear your views on the proposal and will answer any questions you may have.

**How do I find out more?**

Enclosed with this letter is a document which gives detail on our vision for the provision. You can also find out more information regarding the Wirral Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Offer by visiting <https://www.sendlowirral.co.uk/>

A consultation meeting where you are able to meet with me and other members of the Egremont Primary School team to find out more information is scheduled as follows:

**Monday 20th November – 4pm – via Microsoft Teams -** [Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_YmUwMWRiMzItMjI1MC00YmE3LTljZDgtYjQzNzdkYmM2MDQ5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22bd862d07-f41c-41bc-951a-f8db69f498df%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d2ab6879-de4d-4854-96d6-1ffe2ccd324a%22%7d)

The link to this meeting is also available on our website [www.egremont.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.egremont.wirral.sch.uk/) where you can also find further details on our plans and respond to our online questionnaire.

If you are unable to attend our meetings but would like a conversation with us, or you have any questions then please email srpconsultation@egremont.wirral.sch.uk

**When do I need to feedback by?**

Our consultation runs from 13 November 2023 to 11 December 2023 inclusive and we hope to issue our final report and findings by no later than 08 January 2024.

Ongoing communications about the school and this provision will be kept up to date on our website [www.egremont.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.egremont.wirral.sch.uk)

We look forward to hearing your views and working with you to support the development of our provision for children with additional needs.

Yours sincerely,

Mel Eastwood

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