

**Appendix 17: Warstones Primary School – Summary of Meeting (Members of Warstones Primary School’s Governing Board)**

<b><u>Consultation – Governors Meeting Summary</u></b>	
Nature of Consultation:	Proposal to establish a resource base for pupils with Hearing Impairments at Warstones Primary School, with effect from 1 September 2019.
Date:	16 May 2018
Time:	15:45
Location:	Warstones Primary School
Officers in Attendance:	Tom Knott, SEND Commissioning Officer (TK) Jill Wellings, SEND Early Years Team Leader (JW) Nicola Harris, SEND Support Officer (NH) Ivan Stockton, Building Surveyor (IS)
Number of Governors in attendance:	10

## Summary of Meeting

- TK circulated and presented a briefing paper to Governors providing the background to the proposal, the current school position, an outline of the proposal, details of the consultation and decision-making process and details of the proposed capital scheme.
- IS presented a copy of the plan for the capital scheme.
- TK welcomed comments and queries from the Governors.
- Governors were advised that that they could either raise comments during this meeting, reply to the survey online or complete consultation response forms.

The following questions and comments were raised by Governors:

- Concerns were raised regarding existing inadequate car parking and it was suggested that an additional 8 spaces would be insufficient to address the issue.
- Concerns were raised regarding the potential impact of additional traffic from buses and taxis transporting any additional children.
- Anxieties were highlighted regarding the recruitment of high quality, teaching staff required to operate at full capacity.
- Governors highlighted the importance of teaching staff and pupils understanding the needs of any additional children to ensure inclusivity.
- Governors sought clarity regarding the scale of capital investment required to support the change and future revenue implications.
- Governors asked about criteria for children admitted to the resource base.
- Governors recognised the potential benefits of the collocated Sensory Inclusion Service and discussed the potential for basic communication training over the next year.
- A governor questioned if there were plans to expand the operation of the Sensory Inclusion Service into the resource base i.e. admitting children to resource bases if spaces were not available.
- The Governors asked about the number of children currently accessing provision out of City.
- Governors questioned if the resource base capacity of 12 places would meet anticipated demand.
- Governors discussed how children would be integrated into the mainstream classrooms.
- Governors asked if any technology would be required within classrooms to support integration.
- Governors discussed the need to ensure the opportunity for children within the resource base to access after school club provision.
- Governors asked if there would be opportunity to accept out of City children if spaces were not fully allocated within City.
- It was noted that it is important to fully utilise current space within the school for the proposed capital scheme, as a new build is not financially viable.
- Concerns were raised regarding the sufficiency of toilet provision in the existing KS1 area.
- Governors discussed potential opportunities to share spaces with the Sensory Inclusion Service.
- Governors raised the need for outdoor PE storage to be established.
- Governors queried the existing local offer and current provision for primary aged pupils with hearing difficulties.

- A Governor raised concerns regarding the short-term nature of MAST provision previously on the site and queried whether any development would be beneficial in the medium to long term.
- It was confirmed that the Headteacher will be visiting other local provision for examples of good practice.