

Appendix 18: Warstones Primary School – Summary of Meeting (Members of Warstones Primary School’s School Council)

<u>Consultation – School Council Meeting Summary</u>	
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:	6 June 2018
Time:	09:15
Location:	Warstones Primary School
Officers in Attendance:	Tom Knott, SEND Commissioning Officer (TK) Nicola Harris, SEND Support Officer (NH)
Number of School Councillors in attendance:	11

Summary of Meeting

- TK explained the background to the proposal and provided details of proposed capital investment.
- TK welcomed comments and queries from the School Councillors.

The following questions and comments were raised by School Councillors:

- School Councillors welcomed the establishment of a resource base for pupils with hearing impairments at Warstones Primary School.
- School Councillors shared the view that all pupils should be treated the same and were keen that everyone felt included within the school.
- School Councillors asked for assurance regarding resources available within the school, following the establishment of a resource base, such as enough desks
- School Councillors asked about the number of extra staff that would be required for the additional pupils and if they would need assistants.
- School Councillors asked if the hearing-impaired pupils would follow the same learning schedule as the other children.
- School Councillors asked about the changes proposed for the cloakroom space by the main entrance and asked if this would remain open.
- School Councillors wanted to know what the proposals were for the year 6 cloakroom.
- School Councillors enquired if any changes would be made to the classrooms.
- School Councillors asked when the Resource Base would be established, building work would take place and additional pupils would be entering the school.
- School Councillors asked how many new pupils the resource base would cater for.
- School Councillors were keen to know how the hearing-impaired children would integrate into the school and any changes that would need to be made, such as the signal for the end of break time which is currently a whistle.
- School Councillors asked if any of the additional pupils may require hearing dogs.
- School Councillors asked if there would be any work carried out with pupils to prepare them for the new pupils and suggested being able to experience hearing impairment in some way such as headphones, so they were aware of what school was like for the hearing-impaired pupils.
- School Councillors expressed concerns that they may need to work more quietly to aid the hearing-impaired pupils within the classroom and asked if teachers would need to speak louder.
- School Councillors asked if there would be any impact to the outdoor spaces through the proposed changes.
- School Councillors expressed concern about current pupils feeling left out if hearing-impaired pupils were to receive more attention and how this would be prevented.

TK asked the School Councillors to vote if they thought it was a good idea to establish a resource base for hearing impaired pupils at Warstones Primary School. Councillors voted unanimously that the proposals were a good idea.