



12th December 2024

### **Significant Change:**

## **Retrospective consultation in relation to a Resource Base at St Mary's Catholic College**

Dear Stakeholder

We are excited to consult on a significant change at St Mary's Catholic College. This provision caters for 24 students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) with the aim of enhancing the educational experience for these students while promoting inclusivity within our school community.

### **Purpose of the Consultation**

This consultation seeks to gather feedback from all stakeholders, including parents, staff, local authorities and other schools, regarding the resource provision. Your insights and opinions are invaluable to us as we strive to create an environment that meets the needs of all students.

Whilst there is a decreasing trend in pupils in the school age population in Wirral, there is an ongoing increase in the demand for special school places across the age range. There has been a significant increase in the number of children requiring smaller, specialist resourced provision, placing an unmanageable demand on our special schools.

The Local Authority has requested for all local schools to consider the creation of a Resourced Provision Base to cater for the extra demand on places.

The resource provision is accommodated in the existing space in the school building and is separately funded. Any staff employed and resources required are met out of the separate funding stream to ensure that the provision does not impact the quality of education currently provided at the school.

### **Overview of the Resource Provision**

The resource provision is designed for pupils who meet the following criteria:

- **Commissioning by Local Authority:** Places will be commissioned by the Local Authority for pupils who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) with a primary need of Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and/or Social Communication difficulties.

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## Consultation Process

We invite you to share your views on this proposal. The consultation period will run from 13th December 2024 to 10th January 2025. Feedback can be submitted via:


- Email: [head@stmaryswallasey.com](mailto:head@stmaryswallasey.com) - **Subject: Resource Provision** Consultation
- Online Survey: [Survey link](#)
- In-Person Meetings: Should you wish to speak to someone regarding the consultation please email [head@stmaryswallasey.com](mailto:head@stmaryswallasey.com) to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

## Conclusion

We believe the resource provision significantly benefits students with ASD, providing them with the support they need to succeed in a mainstream educational setting. Your feedback is crucial to the success of this initiative, and we encourage all stakeholders to participate in the consultation process. Following the consultation period, the governing Body will consider all responses and take these into account.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the success of all students at St Mary's Catholic College.

Sincerely,



Kevin Maddocks  
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