

Consultation for the addition of 18 specialist education places at Murrayfield Primary Academy

Murrayfield Primary Academy is working alongside Suffolk County Council to develop additional specialist education places. Across Suffolk there is a shortfall of specialist places available. This can mean that some pupils have to be educated away from their local communities.

As part of a SEND capital programme an additional 18 new specialist placements will be available for children and their families across Suffolk from September 2020. This is on top of existing specialist provision. Suffolk County Council has undertaken a commissioning process, whereby schools who were interested provided information on how the unit would be run and supported by the school. Schools who were successful in this process, like ours, are currently working with the council to ensure the appropriate infrastructure and support is in place to enable these new units to be open in September 2020. **Subject to consultation**, these places will be offered as part of a dedicated unit, with specially trained staff. It will give more children the opportunity to be educated in their community, closer to home. The funding for capital works to our school is being provided by Suffolk County Council.

The intention is that Murrayfield Primary Academy will offer 18 places to support key stage two children who require support with cognition and learning. These places will be in addition to our current PAN (Planned Admission Number). This means that there will not be a reduction in the number of places available in the usual admissions round. Allocation of specialist places will follow a separate admissions process.

Murrayfield Primary Academy has decided to offer specialist education places as there is a shortage of SEND places throughout the county. Having specialist cognition and learning places available locally will support local families with children who require specialist education provision.



Consultation question:

1. Do you support the school's plans to create a cognition and learning unit for key stage two children?

Yes / No (delete as appropriate)

Reasons why:

2. Do you have any additional comments to make?

Responses can be sent by email to

consultation@paradigmtrust.org

Consultation closes on Fri 6 March 2020.