



9th May 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Consultation for Additional Resourced Provision at All Saints Catholic College

Consultation Period: 9th May 2025 until 3.00pm 6th June 2025

Reason for Consultation: The opening of a Resource Base at All Saints Catholic College, part of the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust.

We are pleased to share that All Saints Catholic College has been approached by Tameside Local Authority to explore the possibility of expanding our support for students with additional needs, particularly those with social and emotional mental health (SEMH) and Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD).

Details of the Proposal:

We are working with the Local Authority to develop an Additional Resourced Provision (ARP) at All Saints Catholic College. This would be a specialist resource base for up to 15 students in Key Stage 3 five students in each of Years 7, 8 and 9. SEND provision to include the prime areas of need but to prioritise places for children with social and emotional mental health and moderate learning difficulties.

This provision would build on the support already offered through The Hub in our school. It would also involve creating new, purpose-built areas, including specialist classrooms within the school designed to offer personalised learning and support.

Who Would Access the Provision?

The majority of the students in this new provision will already be on roll at All Saints Catholic College and receiving additional support. Others would be placed by the Local Authority through the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process. This means:

- Places in the ARP will be specifically allocated by the Local Authority for new students with identified needs through their EHCP. Other places will be allocated by the school based on individual needs
- The new ARP placement process will not impact on the admissions process for students joining All Saints Catholic College in Year 7 or through in-year transfers



What Are the Benefits of the ARP?

This provision would:

- Offer more tailored support to students with additional needs
- Continue to promote an inclusive school environment
- Create new opportunities for all students to learn, grow and thrive
- Enhance our specialist team and continue improving provision across the school
- Provide more opportunities for students to be included in wider school life, where appropriate

The Council has an ambition that children within the Borough should have a school place as close to home as possible which is able to meet their individual learning needs, and as many children as possible have a suitable place within the mainstream setting.

Tameside currently maintains 3702 Education Health Care Plans. The number of plans has been steadily increasing since 2017 and has doubled since 2020, when the Local Authority maintained 1981 plans.

To enable the Local Authority to build SEN capacity and create additional specialist places, they completed an Expression of Interest exercise in January 2025. Twenty-seven schools expressed an interesting in providing provision. Phase 1 has focused on those schools with immediate space for a provision requiring minimal capital to adapt the existing building. 12 schools and academies have been selected for phase 1 which would create 143 school places across all the key stages from September 2025.

Timeline

The proposed timeline for the project is summarised below:

- The consultation closes on Friday 6th June 2025 at 3.00pm
- Adaptions to the building to begin in July 2025
- Resource Provision to open to pupils in September 2025

As we begin this project we want to make sure we take into consideration the views and ideas of parents, carers and other stakeholders within our school community.



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We should therefore be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete the following survey and share your thoughts and views with us:

<https://forms.office.com/e/KABQyYaSHa>

Your feedback is extremely important to us, and we value your opinion as we continue on our journey to improve All Saints Catholic College to ensure that our school is a place where every child is supported and encouraged to be excellent to succeed on their chosen path.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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