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Stakeholder Consultation Evening

Tuesday 21st September at 5pm

Feedback from parents (mix of SEN and non-SEN children's parents).

Q: Some parents are worried about how children from Greenland will be picked to attend the provision. What can you tell us about how this will be done?

A: Children who currently access Greenland with additional needs and who access nurture provision or require provision which is different to and additional from will be able to access the ELP. The provision is only available for Key Stage 2 children currently. Via consultation and discussion with parents and carers, school will agree which children will benefit from accessing the ELP provision the most.

Q: You mentioned that the local authority will also choose children. Will they come from all over the County and how will they be picked?

A: Children will be chosen after being considered via the Local Authority Statutory Assessment process. Children who have additional needs, where it is felt their needs can be met by making some extra provision in a smaller classroom environment will be put forward for consideration. The ELP will consider the request for a place taking into account the children who already attend the ELP to ensure compatibility.

Q: How many places are there?

A: There will initially be 8 pupil places for children from Greenland and 8 for children accessing the provision from the Local Authority. Maximum occupancy is for 12 in each classroom.

Q: There are concerns that only badly behaved children will attend the ELP. Is this true?

A: No. The ELP is for special needs and will not be a Pupil Referral Unit.

Q: What impact will there be on Greenland children who attend school currently? Will they lose staff? Will the building work disrupt them?

A: There will be no impact on Greenland children as building work will take place in the holidays. Due to the location of the ELP, the impact on the wider school will be minimal if at all. The ELP will have its own staff who will be recruited to work in the unit.

Q: What about funding? Who is paying for this?

A: As the presentation highlighted, funding will come from Greenland (out of money it currently spends on providing learning for this cohort of children) and the Local Authority who will fund the places they access via the High Needs Block (from EHCPs).





Q: Can children attend the ELP who are currently in special school?

A: If a child is currently accessing special school where it was agreed at their EHCP Annual review that this best meets their need then no. Through the annual review process a parent could request a move to the ELP and if agreed at the meeting by all that this is best for the child then a request could be made to the ELP where it would be considered as per the arrangements outlined earlier. This provision is not intended to replicate or replace special school. It is for children whose needs require something extra but not whose needs are not severe and complex and would require access to a higher level of adult support or smaller environment than the ELP could provide.

Question from the Town Mayor for Stanley.

Q: Residents are concerned about traffic and the impact that extra children attending the ELP will have on the local residents and will exacerbate the parking issues we already have.

A: This is very understandable, however, there will only be an extra 8 children attending the ELP than already come to Greenland now (as Greenland cohort already attend the school). The children from County will inevitably be from the local area in and around Stanley as the whole point of this ELP is to provide a local enhanced provision in the North of the County.

General feedback

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