



Walsall Council

Children's Services – Education

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RE: SEND Stakeholders

Dear Headteacher

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for engaging with us on behalf of the children of Walsall during the informal consultation events across the borough. It has been a huge success and a fantastic opportunity to meet so many passionate and committed parents and professionals working with children with SEN.

Further to our previous communications with you concerning the SEND Review, we are pleased to inform you that the proposals have been presented and agreed by cabinet to formally request permission to start statutory consultation

What now?

In order for us to be legally compliant (Consultation Principles – Cabinet Office 17th July 2012) it is the schools responsibility to clearly display at every entrance to the school a copy of the statutory proposal so all stakeholders are aware of the length of consultation period and how to access the complete proposal. We have provided every school with 2 laminated statutory proposals and an electronic version to be displayed on your schools website. In order to secure a wide circulation of information we have provided an extract that needs to be shared with all parents / carers of your pupils in a format that suits their needs i.e. newsletter, formal letter, website.

What next?

We have arranged briefings with significant fora (PNS, WASH and JNC) to update its members on the journey and progress to date.

The consultation period will run from Monday 23rd February 2015 to Friday 20th March 2015, lasting four weeks. Please make sure the statutory proposal is displayed during this time.

Any person wishing to submit any comments either in support of, or objecting to, the proposal may do so by sending them to:

Carol Douthwaite – Administration Manager – SEN Team.
Walsall Children's Services
EDC, Pelsall Lane,
Rushall
Walsall,
WS4 1NG



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Below as an extract that needs to be included on your school website so parents /carers can share their views.

Dear Parents / Carers

As a result of the recent informal consultation sessions across the borough we are now in a position to provide you with the opportunity to make comments on the proposals. All schools will be displaying the statutory proposals notice clearly highlighting the appropriate ways to share your views. Complete proposals can be obtained from Carol Douthwaite – Administration Manager – SEN Team. EDC, Pelsall Lane, Walsall, WS4 1NG. Tel: 01922 686377

Yours Sincerely

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