

Dear Colleague

I am writing to inform you that on 20th September 2018, following a statutory consultation, the Council's Executive Board approved the proposal to develop Resource Base provision for Foundation/KS1 pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) difficulties at Beechwood Primary School and Halton Lodge Primary School.

The number of pupils identified with SEMH has been increasing in recent years and pupils are being identified at a younger age. The Foundation/Key Stage 1 bases will support those pupils with more complex SEMH. The bases will provide a nurturing and supportive environment and in most cases allow the pupils to gradually transition to mainstream provision.

The Executive Board resolved that:

- Foundation/KS1 Social, Emotional and Mental Health Resource Provision Base is developed at Beechwood Primary School
- Foundation/KS1 Social, Emotional and Mental Health Resource Base is developed at Halton Lodge Primary School
- Specialist Provision Capital funding is used to provide the facilities required for the two bases
- The revenue costs of the new provision will be met from the High Needs budget.

Development will now begin so that the new bases are ready to open in September 2019.

Yours faithfully



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