

The Canterbury Academy



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To Parents/Carers, Staff and other interested Parties

Proposed changes to The Canterbury Academy Trust Campus

We are very pleased to inform you of our exciting plans. In collaboration with the National Autistic Society (NAS), Cullum Family Trust and Kent County Council (KCC) we would like to establish a Cullum Centre Specialist Resourced Provisions (SRP) at The Canterbury Academy Trust Campus. This is proposed to be for 24 students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The Canterbury Academy has been identified by the NAS and KCC as being successful in supporting pupils with ASD. NAS has asked the school to consider establishing a Cullum Centre within the school for up to 24 children. The places would be commissioned by KCC and the number of commissioned places will be reviewed annually. It is expected that the centre will support three or four pupils during the first year of operation, with the number increasing incrementally each year.

The development of the Cullum Centre is an exciting collaborative project and will be an excellent opportunity for the school to use their knowledge and expertise by accommodating local children in a caring, nurturing environment, both within the Cullum Centre/SRP and the school as a whole.

We hope the following questions and answers will explain, in more detail, what creating the Cullum Centre/SRP will mean.

What is The Canterbury Academy Trust being asked to do?

The Canterbury Academy is being asked by NAS and KCC to consider establishing a Cullum Centre for up to 24 pupils for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The school is confident that its staff has the relevant expertise and skills to meet the needs of these children. Additional specialist training for staff will also be organised by the school and funded by KCC. The Centre will provide specialist support to students with ASD enabling them to be included in the life of the school alongside their peers.

What is Autistic Spectrum Disorder?

The students attending the Cullum Centre will have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and a diagnosis of ASD. Autism is a developmental disability that affects how a person relates to and communicates with other people, as well as how they make sense of the world around them.

Tell me more about the Cullum Centre/SRP.

A small number of children with Education, Health and Care Plans require higher levels of support than can usually be provided by a mainstream school, but with a high level of specialist support could be successfully included and make good progress alongside their peers. For these students KCC maintain a range of Specialist Resource Provisions (SRPs) which are located within mainstream schools. This will be the first collaboration with the NAS in Kent to establish a Cullum Centre.

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How will you work out which children will attend the SRP?

The decision about placement in a mainstream school with support from an SRP is made by the local authority, taking in to account the views of parents, professionals and the school on the suitability of any potential placement. This decision is made during the process of statutory assessment or following an Annual Review of an existing EHCP. The Canterbury Academy will be named on the child's Education, Health and Care Plan.

Will this mean fewer places for local children?

No. Students in the Cullum Centre/SRP will be admitted over the current Published Admission Number (PAN) and therefore no places will be lost.

How much funding will the school receive?

This is a collaborative project with The Cullum Family Trust funding the building and equipping of the centre, whilst places within the SRP are funded by KCC.

What will the Cullum Centre/SRP look like?

The Cullum Centre will have its own building on The Canterbury Academy Trust Campus where students can receive some individual and small group teaching and support. The school is highly inclusive, so children will not spend all of their time in the Centre but will be integrated into mainstream classes during each school day as appropriate.

When will the SRP open?

It is intended that the Cullum Centre will be in place for September 2020.

What happens next?

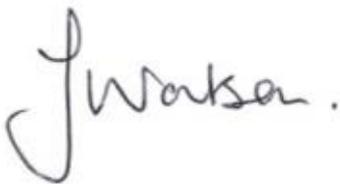
Following the consultation, all comments and views received will be considered before the Academy Trust and Governing Body who will make a final decision. If they decide to proceed a business case will be submitted to the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) seeking approval from the Secretary of State.

We would like your views on this proposal to create a SRP within The Canterbury Academy Trust

You can have your say by:

- Emailing us at: dscott@canterbury.kent.sch.uk
- Completing the attached response form and handing it in at The Canterbury Academy reception addressed to the Chair of Governors at The Canterbury Academy Trust.
- The closing date for sending in a response is midday 01 April 2020

Yours faithfully



Mr. J. Watson
Trust Executive Principal

KCC have completed an Equality Impact Assessment to see if the proposal could affect anyone unfairly. We welcome your views on the assumptions we have made and the conclusions we have drawn. To view the document, go to www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

The County Council is the Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision in Kent. You can view the Commissioning Plan for Education Provision Kent 2020 to 2024 at: www.kent.gov.uk/educationprovision

You can view Kent County Council's strategy for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities at: www.kent.gov.uk/sendstrategy