



Consultation document for a proposal to decrease the current resource provision for children with Hearing Impairment at Middlewich Primary School from 10 to 5 pupils.

Consultation period: 13 October 2022 - 17 November 2022

This consultation document sets out:

- Information about Middlewich Primary School
- Why we need to decrease resource provision at Middlewich Primary School
- What the impact will be on resource provision places in the local area
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Middlewich Primary School

Middlewich Primary School is located at Park Road, Middlewich, CW10 9BS. The school is two-form entry with classes from reception age up to year 6. Up to 60 children are admitted into the reception class in the September of each year. Currently, the school educates a number of children with a variety of special educational needs, including 3 children within the resourced provision.

Why we need to decrease resource provision at Middlewich Primary School

Historically, Middlewich Primary School has had a resource provision since it amalgamated in 2005. Previously, both Middlewich Infant School and Middlewich Junior School had units that supported pupils with Hearing Impairment (HI).

Within the past 10 years, there has been a steady decline in the numbers of children in the provision. This is due to decreasing numbers of parent/carers requesting the support the resource provision provides. It is clear that 10 places are no longer required within this locality of Cheshire East.

What the impact will be on resource provision places in the local area

There has been a natural reduction in numbers over the past 10 years and school leaders and governors believe it is the right time strategically for the school to reduce to 5 pupils, where we will continue to be committed to meet the complex and specialist needs of the children in our care.

The proposal

If the proposal goes ahead, 5 places will be offered to children with a primary need of HI across Reception, KS1 and KS2 who have an Education Health Care Plan and the resource provision at Middlewich Primary School is named as their preferred provision. The allocation of a place in the resource provision will be given by the local authority SEND panel.

How you can give your views

You can:

- Complete the electronic survey online at https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_organisation/school_organisation.aspx
- Complete the feedback form and email to SOCs@cheshireeast.gov.uk

What happens after the consultation

At the end of the consultation period all the feedback received will be collated, and a report prepared and presented to the Council's Children and Families Committee for a final decision on the proposal.

Process

1. 5-week consultation period with stakeholders including parents/carers
2. Responses collated
3. Outcome's report produced
4. Proposal considered by the Children and Families Committee
5. The school implements proposed change, if approved.

Timeline

1.	Statutory Public Notice Published	13 October 2022
2.	Start of consultation	13 October 2022
3.	Deadline for feedback and comments	17 November 2022
4.	Children and Families Committee	16 January 2023
5.	Implementation of proposal (if approved)	April 2023