



Stocksbridge Junior School

Learning Together

Friday 22nd November 2024

Consultation - Integrated Resource Unit

Dear Stocksbridge Junior School parents/carers,

We're excited to share with you plans for the development of an Integrated Resource Unit for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities from September 2025 onwards.

This letter provides an overview of our plans and invites parents and carers to respond with their views.

Sheffield Local Authority have proposed that Stocksbridge Junior School develops its Special Education Needs and Disability provision further in response to the ongoing and future shortage of Integrated Resource places, across the City. This will ensure that the city can meet the needs of all its Special Educational Needs and Disability students.

Sheffield Local Authority have proposed to develop the existing onsite former caretaker's bungalow (Cedar Lodge) to accommodate 20 pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities who have gained an Educational Health Care Plan. The children who access this resource will be aged between 7-11 years old and places will be allocated by the Local Authority's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities team.

Will the look and feel of the school change?

The overall look and feel of our current buildings will not change as a result of these works. Cedar Lodge will be developed to accommodate the new pupils. A small amount of the current external area will be used as a playground for the children who access the Integrated Resource Unit.

Where is the planning permission and planning consultation?

Please note this is not a planning consultation. Stocksbridge Junior School and Chorus Trust will handle any necessary planning matters separately. Should planning permission be necessary, full designs and specifications for the project will be shared by Sheffield City Council via their Planning Portal and people will be able to respond formally. This is an initial communication to make our parents / carers aware and provide an opportunity to gain more information about the Integrated Resource Unit.

How will it be paid for?

All capital costs associated with developing the new building will be funded by the Local Authority.

In summary, although we are in the early stages of this process, we hope parents and carers will share our excitement for the planned development of an Integrated Resource Unit. This meets a city-wide need to expand provision for Special Educational Needs and Disability students.

Further details about the expansion can be found here: www.stocksbridgejunior.chorustrust.org

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Parents and carers now have a chance to offer their support or ask questions / raise concerns. In the first instance, this can be done via an email: irconsultation@stocksbridgejunior.chorustrust.org

Or in writing to:

Consultation Regarding Integrated Resource Unit
Stocksbridge Junior School
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There will be an initial period of consultation from Friday 22nd November 2024 and ends on Friday 20th December 2024 at noon. Consultation responses will then be considered by the Chorus Board of Trustees and we will update parents and carers and confirm any further communications, as required.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Gaymond". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial 'S'.

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