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Consultation regarding Rise Park Primary and Nursery School's Specialist Educational Needs Provision

We are currently working in partnership with Nottingham City Council to enhance our current special educational needs provision at Rise Park Primary and Nursery School. To do this, we propose to extend our building to create a bigger SEN unit which will provide more space and opportunities for pupils with SEND. The proposed build will be an extension onto our current building located on the front of the main school building, on the left-hand-side of the main entrance. The plan is to build onto the space outside which is currently used for two car parking spaces and the rest is unused land. This location has been chosen as the extension will be built onto the current SEN provision, enlarging the current indoor space to create a classroom and sensory room, with a separate entrance for parents to access, off the main path.

As you may be aware, we currently have an internal enhanced provision called The Nest which provides specialist support for children on roll at Rise Park. The current space is insufficient in providing all of the specialist education required for the children here as they progress and we want to provide this in the future. There is no additional space in our current building that can accommodate the need for a high-quality SEND unit. The numbers of pupils with SEND needs and complexity of those needs is growing. The new SEND provision will provide specialist support to the current pupils as they grow through our school, whilst enabling us to meet the local areas increasing SEND demands in future.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to our children whilst we deliver effective SEN support in mainstream education. The provision will continue to be led under the existing school leadership supported by existing staff who have expertise in this area. The proposed completion date for the new extension is October 2025, building work permitting.

This project represents a significant investment by Nottingham City Council and this is something we desperately need. Jointly, we have recognised that the existing provision cannot continue to meet the needs of our pupils, as these needs continue to grow. These changes will positively impact the children who attend Rise Park and it will enable us to build on the high-quality provision that we already offer our children. The SEND unit provides us with a larger purpose-built learning space to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of all our current children at Rise Park.

We are seeking views from stakeholders such as yourself, so please get in touch if you have any questions or feedback.

Support, comments and objections regarding the proposal must be sent by **10th November 2024**, to the following email address: <u>admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk</u>, stating **SEN unit provision** in the subject line.

A copy of the full statutory proposal can be requested from lucy.juby@nottinghamcity.gov.uk