



Hawthorn Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

New service for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs

The number of primary aged school children with SEMH needs is increasing. Hawthorn Primary School is committed to working with Newcastle City Council to ensure there is sufficient specialist support available when required. Together with other schools, we have worked with Newcastle City Council to review the existing SEMH provision, and identify what support is required going forward.

The LA has agreed to significantly invest in a central provision, which will be accessible to all schools across Newcastle. A new service will provide a swift response to requests for help. Support will be available via out-reach and in-reach delivered by specialist teachers and support assistants. The outreach service will support all schools, and the LA aim to have it in place for September 2023. The in-reach service will be available from September 2024 and will be a single hub of 24 places.

To support this development, the LA is proposing to close the SEMH Additional Resourced Provisions (ARPs) across the city. These ARPs are currently based in 3 Primary Schools, one of which is Hawthorn Primary School. In accordance with the DFE's Guidance on making significant changes, the Board of Governors of Hawthorn Primary School is consulting on the proposal to close the ARP for primary aged pupils, who have an SEMH additional need.

You are invited to respond to the consultation via the form at the end of this letter. All responses must be received by Friday 16th June 2023.

If you would like to discuss the proposal in more detail at a mutually agreed time, please contact me on 0191 2764237 or email jane.dube@hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk, otherwise I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Dube
Headteacher



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Consultation Response Form

Proposal to remove the Additionally Resourced provision (ARP) for children and young people with Social, Emotional and Mental health needs at Hawthorn Primary School from September 2023

Your response must reach us by the closing date of Friday 16th June 2023

Your name:	
Your organisation (if applicable):	
Your address:	

Please mark the category below which best describes you as a respondent:

	Parent of child who attends Hawthorn Primary School
	Parent in local area
	Primary/secondary/special school in local area
	Local authority
	Other (please specify)

<p>1. Do you agree with the LA's proposal to remove the SEMH ARP at Hawthorn Primary School from September 2023?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>If Yes, go to question 3; if No, go to question 2</p>
<p>2. If you do not agree with the proposal, what are your objections?</p> <p>Now go to question 3</p>
<p>3. Are there any comments you would like to make about the proposal?</p>

Responses can be sent to the:

- By email to: admin@hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk
- By post to: Hawthorn Primary School, Park Close, Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6SB

Thank you for taking time to respond to this consultation.