



13 November 2023

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PUPIL NUMBERS IN BROADSTONE FIRST SCHOOL RESOURCE BASE

Our Proposal

In September 2022, the Broadstone First School Resource Base opened for 8 pupils. The Base provided high quality support and education for children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions. In September 2023, places were required urgently for a further six children to be supported by the base, bringing the numbers to 14.

Further places are required to support need in the Local Authority and therefore Broadstone First School proposes to increase the size of the Broadstone First School Resource Base from 14 children to 20 children. These children will be catered for in the newly built extension in the school.

These children are currently housed in existing school premises. In October 2023, planning permission to build an extension to the school to accommodate the Base was given and building is due to start in January 2024, funded by the Local Authority.

The Resource Base supports our youngest learners to overcome barriers to learning, be better able to cope and engage with the mainstream setting and ensure they reach their potential. This Base is part of a long-term provision in partnership with Broadstone Middle School, ensuring continuity of care for these learners, and their families as they move through their educations.

Therefore, we are asking for stakeholder views on our proposal to

1. **To formally increase provision from 8 to 14 places at Broadstone First School, retrospectively from September 2023.**
2. **Increase provision from 14 to 20 children with Autism Spectrum Condition.**

Copies of this proposal can be obtained from: the school office or <https://www.broadstonefirstschool.co.uk/bfs-consultation/>

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by using the online survey which is linked to below:

Broadstone First School <https://www.broadstonefirstschool.co.uk/consultation-survey>

If you have trouble accessing the online survey, you can request a response form to be emailed to you. Please contact office@broadstonefirst.poole.sch.uk for support with this.

The deadline for responses is **23:59 10th December 2023**

Yours sincerely,

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