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## **Consultation regarding Glade Hill Primary and Nursery School's Special Educational Needs provision**

We at Glade Hill Primary and Nursery School are working in partnership with Nottingham City Council to develop Special Educational Needs Provision in our local area. We propose to add an additional building to our site to further support our inclusive provision for pupils with SEND by creating a SEN unit. This provision will be designed for children who have a diagnosis of autistic spectrum condition (ASC) which leaves them struggling to cope in whole class situations in mainstream education.

The proposed build will be on the school grounds close to the original buildings, and will be located on some land formerly occupied by the overflow staff car park, a small part of the EYFS outdoor area and an inaccessible area of grass adjacent to the EYFS outdoor area and Forest School area. The plan is to make use of a currently disused carpark area, accessed off Hillington Rise, for staff parking and replace the EYFS outdoor area being repurposed with a new extension to the side of the existing EYFS outdoor area. This location would put this inclusive provision close to our existing buildings and ensure suitable access from the main drive.

As you may be aware, we currently already have two internal enhanced provision classes, Buttercups and Bluebells, in which specialist support is provided for children on roll at Glade Hill. Projections and practice show that there are sufficient mainstream places in the area but that the shortage is in more focussed specialist places. Therefore, it is proposed that the new SEN unit will accommodate 8 pupils who already attend Glade Hill and have EHCPs (Education Health Care Plans). These pupils already access our Enhanced Provision classes. The unit will then also accommodate 8 additional children with EHCPs, with places supported by Nottingham City Council. These places will be in addition to the number on our school roll.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to our local community in providing additional places for children who face barriers to learning and who need more specialist support in order to attend local mainstream education. The new provision will be led by the existing school leadership, supported by staff who have developed expertise in this area. We will also be recruiting additional staff to work with us. We plan to open this new resource in September 2025, building work permitting.

This project represents a significant investment in vulnerable children in our community and is very exciting. These changes will not negatively affect the children who already attend Glade Hill in mainstream classes, or those who will apply in the usual way in the coming years. It will not change the high-quality provision that we already offer for our children. The project will provide us with purpose-built learning spaces so we can continue to meet the needs of all learners.

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 4:50pm on Sunday 28 April 2024** to the following email address: [admin@gladehill.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gladehill.nottingham.sch.uk), putting **SEN unit provision** in the subject line.

A copy of the full statutory proposal can be requested from [lucy.juby@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.juby@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)