



ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RESOURCE BASE CONSULTATION

Introduction

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy Company (the MAC), is consulting on proposed changes to St Wilfrid’s Catholic Primary School (the School). This document describes what is being proposed and why.

School Information

Type:	Academy- part of Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy Company		
Name:	St Wilfrid’s Catholic Primary School	DFE:	330/3359
Address:	Shawsdale Road, Birmingham B26 8LY		
Ward:	Shard End	Constituency:	Hodge Hill
Age Range:	3 – 11 years	Sixth Form:	NO
Gender:	Mixed	Capacity:	236 (420)
Last Ofsted:	March 2024	Ofsted Rating	Good

What changes are proposed?

The MAC is proposing to carry out the following change to the School:

- Establish SEN provision;
- ‘Resource Base’ for up to 18 pupils;
- Type of need: Autistic Spectrum Conditions and Speech Language Communication Needs

Why do we want to do this?

Background:

The School is a mainstream Catholic Primary School rated ‘Good’ by Ofsted. The School has recently reduced its planned admission number from 60 to 30 and now has a capacity of 236 pupils (210 pupils plus 26 nursery places) but physical space for up to 420 pupils.

Why has this school been chosen/identified?

The School currently offers additional support to pupils through enhanced provision offered in The Hub. This area is used to support pupils on roll which have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and other areas linked to Speech, Language and Communication Needs. The School does not currently have a formalised Resource Base. In collaboration with the MAC, the Archdiocese of Birmingham and Birmingham City Council it is proposed that the School establish a SEN resource base. Due to the steadily growing demand in Birmingham, this change would help to provide places for

pupils with an EHCP for ASC and SLCN and help the MAC, Council and the School in their strategic aims.

Evidence of Demand:

There is significant need for more school places in Birmingham for children with EHCPs, both in special schools and resource bases in mainstream schools. In the last four years the Council has increased the total number of special school places available to pupils with EHCPs by 10%. There has been an increase in the number of pupils with EHCPs in Birmingham, by over 800 in the last two years. There is also an increase in requests for statutory assessments which may lead to EHCPs; these requests are currently averaging 150 each month.

When will these changes happen?

Following this consultation period, if the proposal is approved by the decision maker the changes will be implemented from January 2027. Beginning with up to 6 pupils across Reception and Key Stage 1. From 1st September 2027, an additional 6 places for lower KS2 provision will be added and a final 6 Upper Key Stage 2 places added in January 2028.

Will there be any effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area?

There should be no negative effects on other special or mainstream schools, as the Resource Base will offer specialist city wide provision for which there is a need. There is currently a shortage of ASC & SLCN places and no indication that other schools offering this type of provision will be negatively affected. Any impact on other schools should be positive as this proposal creates places for pupils with ASC & SLCN needs and so releases places at other schools to meet the needs of other pupils.

How will the proposal increase educational standards and parental choice?

The School and MAC is keen to collaborate with the Council to ensure that future places are provided in the areas that they are needed, helping children to attend a school nearer to home and as part of their local community. The proposed 18 place Resource Base will increase the number of primary places at a 'Good' school for pupils requiring ASC provision and provide greater choice for parents who wish for their child to receive catholic education.

How will this affect pupils at the school?

Current pupils may notice the small increase to the total number of pupils at the school however this will not increase the number of pupils in each existing classroom, the physical classroom size or the current resources allocated to pupils. This change would not affect the admissions policy, arrangements, admission number or process for mainstream pupils. The 18 Resource Base places would be reserved for pupils with an EHCP for ASC & SLCN needs with places being commissioned and offered through the Council's Special Education Needs Assessment and Review service (SENAR). The intention is that 6 pupils would benefit from the Resource Base from January 2027 with the remaining 12 places filled through the commissioning and referral process from 1st September 2027.

How will this affect staff?

Generally, staff will be unaffected and may experience more opportunities for professional development. If this proposal is approved, any impact on terms and conditions would be with full consultation with Trade Unions / Professional Associations.

Travel and Transport:

The impact on transport and travel will be minimal. The school will continue to update their travel plan, as and when required. The Local Education Authority transport arrangements for children with special needs will apply (Home to School Transport).

Will there be changes to the school building?

Yes. There will be a reconfiguration of spaces in the school. Space previously used as mainstream classrooms that are no longer used due to the school reducing from a 2 form entry school to a one form entry school which would allow this change to be implemented.

What are the project costs for this proposal and how is it funded?

The funding for the creation of the Resource Base will come from the Council's Special Provision Fund Allocation and other grants. Approximately £115,000 is required for this project. The ongoing maintenance and running costs for the resource base will be the responsibility of the school and they will be provided with regular funding from the Council's High Needs Block budget.

Will this definitely happen?

There is a statutory process we must follow to make these sorts of changes to schools. Following this statutory consultation, the proposal will be presented to the Department for Education Schools Regional Commissioner; they are the decision maker for this type of proposal.

It is only after a decision that we will be able to say with certainty whether or not the proposal will be implemented. The decision will be published on the school and MAC website and stakeholders will be notified.

What will happen if this proposal is rejected?

The School will continue to offer The Hub room for its pupils and would consider ways to ensure a stable and sustainable future for this. This would also mean that the Council would need to identify alternative/additional places for pupils that have an EHCP for ASC & SLCN provision.

How do I comment on this proposal?

We invite all interested parties to give us their comment on this proposal. Any comments must be received no later than 2nd March 2026

You can complete the online form here: [St Wilfrid's Proposed Resource Base Consultation Response Form – Fill in form](#)

By email: enquiry@stwilfrd.bham.sch.uk

By letter:

St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School
Shawsdale Road
Birmingham
B36 8LY

What happens next?

The dates set out below meet the government requirements to consult fully with the people affected by the proposal.

Key dates

Action	Date
Statutory notice published	9 th February 2026
Start 4-week consultation period	9 th February 2026
Finish 4-week consultation period	8 th March 2026
Final decision deadline	TBC
Changes implemented	January 2027 (TBC)

Groups notified of this proposal:

Parents and Pupils of St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School
Staff and Governors of St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School
Our Lady an All Saints MAC Schools & Directors
Birmingham City Councillors
Member of Parliament for the constituency
Birmingham Archdiocese
Eastwards Consortia
Neighbouring Local Authority (Solihull)
Trade unions / professional associations
Birmingham City Council Officers and departments

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Thank you for taking the time to send us your thoughts on this proposal.

Consultation Response Form

Please help us to analyse your response by completing the following:

Your name (optional): _____

Your contact details (optional): _____

Are you in favour of the proposal (please select one answer)?

Yes	No	Neither/Don’t know
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What type of person/stakeholder are you (please select one answer)?

Pupil at St Wilfrid’s Catholic Primary School	
Parent/Carer of pupil of St Wilfrid’s Catholic Primary School	
Local Governor at St Wilfrid’s Catholic Primary School	
Staff at St Wilfrid’s Catholic Primary School	
Staff at another OLAAS MAC School	
Parent/Carer at another OLAAS MAC School	
Local Governor at another OLAAS MAC School	
Member of the OLAAS Board	
Archdiocese Representative	
Local Resident	
Birmingham City Councillor	
Member of Parliament	
Other - please describe (for example: staff of another school; or, parent of prospective pupil)	

Please provide your comments on the proposal (Continue on additional page, as required.)

Personal or identifying information is removed from responses before sharing with the decision maker