

25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the School Community,

I am writing to inform you of an important consultation regarding the proposed redesignation of our specialist Hearing Impaired resource base at Bournville School. Bournville School is seeking your views on a proposal to change the designation of the base from supporting pupils with Hearing Impairment (HI) to supporting pupils with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC). This proposal reflects both the changing needs within our school and the increasing demand for ASC provision across the local area.

Over recent years, the HI resource base has not been accessed by its intended cohort. Since 2023, no pupils have had Hearing Impairment identified as their primary need within an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). At the same time, approximately 25% of pupils on our SEND register have ASC as their primary or significant need, and the local authority reports a substantial and growing number of children requiring specialist ASC placements.

In response to this clearly identified need, we are proposing to redesignate the resource base to focus on ASC, offering specialist teaching, structured support, and enhanced provision to pupils with ASC named in their EHCP. This change would also strengthen our inclusive practice within classrooms and support the development of staff expertise in autism-informed approaches.

It is important to emphasise that our mainstream admissions, inclusive ethos, and commitment to SEND provision will remain unchanged. Support for pupils with hearing needs will continue to be delivered through reasonable adjustments and specialist services where needed.

The consultation period will run for three weeks, after which all responses will be reviewed, and a consultation report will be published before any final decision is made. We strongly encourage you to share your views using the link provided in the attached consultation document. Your feedback is highly valued and will play an important role in shaping the future of provision at our school.

Thank you for taking the time to engage with this consultation. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Yours faithfully,  
Marie Rooney - Principal

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