



Mulberry Park Educate Together Primary School – Consultation on Proposal to Establish a Resource Base

Friday 3rd October 2025

To all stakeholders and parents/carers of pupils at Mulberry Park Educate Together Primary School

Re: Consultation on Proposal to Establish a Resource Base at Mulberry Park Educate Together Primary School

We are writing to inform you that Mulberry Park Educate Together Primary School is entering a three-week consultation period regarding the proposed opening of a 10-place resource base, planned for opening in September 2026

The consultation will run from Friday 3rd October 2025 to Monday 27th October 2025.

If you require this document in a different format or language, please contact the school office on 01225 696 444 or via email: info@mulberrypark.org.uk

Proposal

Mulberry Park Educate Together Primary School, in partnership with the local authority, is consulting on a proposal to establish from September 2026:

- A 10-place resource base to support children with social, emotional, and mental health (SEMH) needs who hold an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), enabling them to access high-quality learning in a mainstream setting with specialist support.

This provision will be designed to reflect and extend our core values—placing children at the heart of every decision, working in partnership with families and professionals, setting ambitious goals for every learner, and ensuring equitable access to opportunity.

Our Values in Action

At Mulberry Park Educate Together Primary School, we believe that inclusion is not just a principle—it's a practice. The proposed resource base is a natural extension of our ethos:

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- **Child-Centred:** Every child deserves to be seen, heard, and understood. The resource base will offer personalised support, small-group teaching, and a nurturing environment tailored to each learner's strengths and needs.
- **Collaborative:** We will ensure this provision works with families of pupils that attend it, staff, specialists, and the wider community. Collaboration will be central to its success—from planning and staffing to curriculum and care.
- **Aspirational:** We hold high expectations for all children. The resource base will provide a rich, engaging curriculum and pathways that empower pupils to flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.
- **Equity-Based:** We are committed to removing barriers and creating fair access to education. This initiative will help ensure that children with additional needs can thrive within their local school, without compromise or exclusion.

Background and Need

Across our region, the number of children with EHCPs has grown significantly, and many families face limited local options for specialist support. This can lead to long travel times, disrupted routines, and reduced access to inclusive learning.

The proposed resource base will be part of the Bath and North East Somerset (BaNES) local offer for pupils with identified special educational needs (SEND) and will be a high-quality, community-rooted provision. This will allow an increased number of children to remain close to home, build strong relationships, and access the full richness of school life.

Admissions and Capacity

Admission to the resource base will be managed by the local authority in consultation with the school and will be limited to children with an EHCP, with their primary need being SEMH.

The resource base will have a maximum capacity of 10 places.

Consultation and Decision-Making Process

This consultation will run from Friday 3rd October 2025 to Monday 27th October 2025.

Following the consultation, Educate Together Academy Trust will submit a business case to the Department for Education's regional team. The outcome of the consultation will form part of this submission. The final decision will be made by the DfE's regional director.





Cost and Expenditure

Revenue funding from Bath and North East Somerset Council is in place to support this proposal. The capital build project will be funded and managed by Bath and North East Somerset Council.

Responding to the Consultation

We warmly welcome feedback from all stakeholders. Comments can be submitted via:

- Email: consultation@mulberrypark.org.uk
- Post: Mulberry Park Educate Together Primary, Mulberry Way, Combe Down, Bath. BA2 5BU

Please ensure all responses are received by 5:00pm on Monday 27th October 2025.

All feedback will be considered by the school's leadership team, Trust leaders, and the Trust Board. Responses will also be shared with the local authority and the Department for Education, though we will not respond individually to specific points raised.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Phillips
Executive Headteacher

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Head of School

