
SAND

ACADEMIES TRUST

Section 10 Consultation



Supporting Achievement & Nurturing Development



Consultation Questionnaire

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CONSULTATION ON OPENING A NEW SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE

SAND Academies Trust is delighted to launch its Section 10 Consultation in relation to establishing a new special school, located on the site of Severn View Primary Academy for Moderate and Additional Learning Difficulties in September 2023.

The school will take pupils in the 4 to 11 age range and will have the capacity for 60 pupils.

As part of the process of opening a new school, SAND is legally required to hold a consultation exercise (under section 10 of the Academies Act 2010) to determine whether the Trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department for Education.

This consultation will allow parents/carers and pupils, staff and governors from local schools, other Local Authorities, Councillors, local residents and any other interested parties to learn more about the school, SAND AT and share their views.

This is an important step in our journey towards the opening in September 2023 and we look forward to listening to your views in order to provide children and young people of Gloucestershire with the best school possible.

IN PERSON MEETING DATES

An opportunity to meet in person on the following dates.

Monday 28th November at 1pm

Monday 5th December at 6pm

Location: Top of Town Community Hub,
Bisley Old Road, Stroud, GL5 1LZ.

These meetings will provide an opportunity to meet the team and ask any questions.

START AND END DATES OF THE CONSULTATION

The consultation will start on the **14th November** and run until **30th December**.

After which we will publish the results of the consultation.



ABOUT THE TRUST

The name SAND encompasses the core values of the Trust – Supporting Achievement and Nurturing Development.

The Trust currently consists of five schools, Willow Primary Academy, Belmont School, Battledown Centre for Children and Families, Paternoster School and The Milestone School.

Please visit www.sandmat.uk for more details.



Each school maintains its own unique ethos, culture and identity that has been established over many years to ensure the needs of pupils are met.

As a partnership we believe we will achieve more together and therefore:

- Improve outcomes, opportunities and life chances for children and young people.
- Offer more / wider support for their families.
- Share and develop staff expertise.





ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Our schools are based solely in Gloucestershire, giving us an understanding of the challenges in the area. The Trust already runs four special schools, two of which are outstanding and one mainstream primary school.

Being based in Gloucestershire, SAND AT has an exceptional knowledge of the local area with a track record of collaboration and partnerships with many local schools, businesses and excellent relationships within the community

We recognise, however, the unique characteristics of each of the communities we work in and how they are reflected in distinctive school cultures.

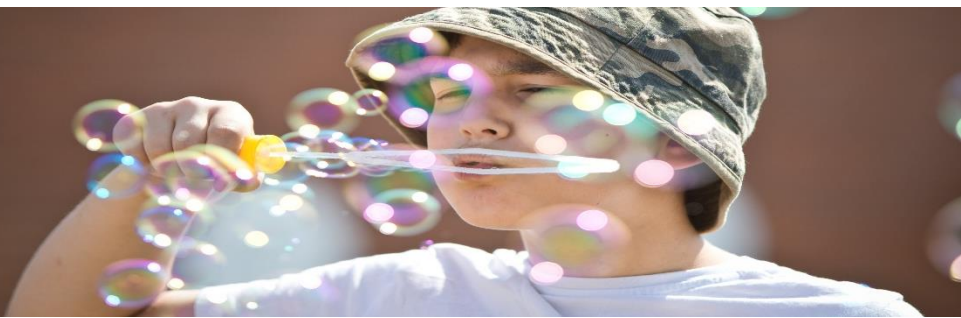


OUR ETHOS AND VISION FOR THE SCHOOL

Community engagement will be embedded in learning experiences, both the local community of the provision and the children and young people. We will:

- Provide the best possible education for children and young people, including those with additional and complex needs, in both mainstream and special schools in Stroud and the surrounding areas.
- Achieve excellence through innovation, creativity and continuous improvement.
- Direct the maximum resources available to The Trust's academies, facilitating and servicing high standards.





ADMISSIONS PROCESS

We welcome visits from parents and carers who are considering the new free school as a suitable school for their child. Admissions to all Gloucestershire Special Schools come via Gloucestershire County Council. Parents and carers who feel this school could meet the needs of a young person are unable to apply directly to SAND Academies Trust.

Enquiries about securing a place at the school should be made to the Gloucestershire County Council's EHCP Casework Team by phoning by 01452 427535 or emailing sengenq@gloucestershire.gov.uk

As a special school, it is necessary for pupils to have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) to secure a place.

The school is intended to meet need across this part of the county, although there is no defined catchment area on a map and no number of places set aside for children who live in a given part of the county. Placement decisions are made by the County's EHCP team and they will always seek to place children in the nearest suitable special school to home.

Please note the former children's centre building and the Top of Town Tots building (the Lodge) will remain under the control of the Local Authority and do not form part of this consultation. All enquires relating to the future of these buildings should be made directly to GCC.

FORMAT OF THE CONSULTATION

We will be using several methods to ensure that we take all views into account from a wide range of stakeholders. We look forward to hearing from the local community in the coming weeks to help inform the Secretary of State's decision as to whether they should enter into a funding agreement with SAND Academies Trust.

You can provide feedback in the following ways:

- Clicking [here](#) to access our online questionnaire or head to our website at www.sandmat.uk
- Attending our In-person events and consultations at the school itself.

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If you would like a hard copy of our questionnaire, please email stroudschoolenquires@sandmat.uk or call us on 01452 923800.