



Proposal to increase Winchelsea School SEND Places

March 2026

Research and Consultation Team

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This report summarises the results of the consultation on 'Proposals to increase Winchelsea School SEND places'.

Methodology

The consultation ran from 27 February 2026 to 27 March 2026.

An online form was available at haveyoursay.bpcouncil.gov.uk/winchelsea-SEND and paper copies were available from all BCP libraries. Alternative formats could also have been requested.

A Statutory Public Notice was published in the Bournemouth Echo (paper and online versions) at the start of the consultation.

Posters were displayed at Winchelsea School, Stanley Green School and Broadstone Youth Centre. A press release was published.

Emails were sent out by the Headteachers of Winchelsea and Stanley Green School to promote the survey. Emails were also sent to local councillors. The Headteacher sent a reminder email during the consultation period.



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Working together, and to support growing need for specialist placements, BCP Council and [Winchelsea School](#) propose that the number of places provided by the school is increased during the academic year 2026-27.

This would be achieved by:

- Changing the age range of Winchelsea School from 4-19 years to 2-19 years, to allow early years education from the age of 2 in new specialist nursery provision at a proposed satellite unit, based at [Stanley Green Infant Academy](#)

Expansion of Winchelsea Special School as follows:

- Establishing a satellite of Winchelsea Special School hosted by Stanley Green Infant Academy, creating up to 50 additional places for Early Years, Reception and Key Stage 1 children.
- Increasing the number of Post 16 places for Winchelsea School, by providing an additional 20 places at their Broadstone Youth Centre site.

Satellite Site hosted by Stanley Green Infant Academy

With surplus building capacity and support from Stanley Green Infant Academy it is planned that the satellite site will provide specialist places for up to 50 Early Years, Reception and Key Stage 1 children. The availability of places would be phased. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children would access places from September 2026 and children in their early years would access nursery places from January 2027.

In order to accommodate the new age range of children including specialist places for nursery age children, Winchelsea School are required by law to publish statutory proposals to lower their published age range from 4-19 to 2-19.

Stanley Green Infant Academy would remain operational throughout the adaptations needed to add a satellite unit.

Post 16

It is planned that Winchelsea School will increase their Post 16 offer to provide specialist support for an additional 20 young people aged 16-19 years at their existing Broadstone Youth Centre site.

The additional places provided by Winchelsea School will be allocated by the Council in line with the SEND Code of Practice for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Winchelsea School currently has a designated number of 250 places across its home and existing satellite sites. These proposals combine to propose an increase of 70 places to create a new designated number of 320.

Have your say

Proposal

Read our proposal.

[Winchelsea School Proposal Document.pdf](#) (144.0 KB)

Key dates



Consultation starts:

27 February 2026

Consultation ends:

27 March 2026

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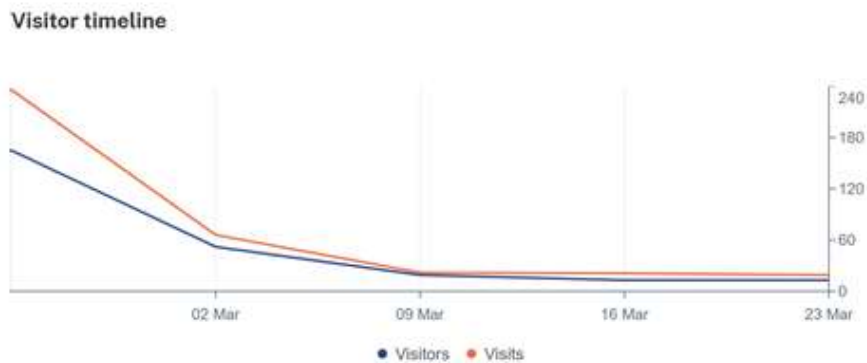
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Response

There were 7 online responses to the consultation. No emails were received as part of the consultation. There were 257 visitors to the survey, with 364 visits in total.



Respondents

- Four respondents are parents of children currently attending Winchelsea
- Two are teachers/staff at Winchelsea
- One is a parents of child/ren currently attending Stanley Green Infant Academy.

Views on the proposal

86% (6 respondents) support changing the age range of Winchelsea School from 4-19 years to 2-19 years (1 respondent opposes this proposal)

86% (6 respondents) support creating a Winchelsea Satellite Unit using surplus space at Stanley Green Infant Academy, with up to 50 places, for Early Years, Reception and Key Stage 1 children (1 respondent opposes this proposal)

All respondents support creating 20 additional Post-16 specialist places at Winchelsea School (Broadstone Youth Centre site)

Do you support or oppose the following:

7/7 - Matrix - optional

	1- Support	2- Oppose	3- Don't know
Changing the age range of Winchelsea School from 4-19 years to 2-19 years	85.71%	14.29%	0%
Create a Winchelsea Satellite Unit using surplus space at Stanley Green Infant Academy, with up to 50 places, for, Early Years, Reception and Key Stage 1 children	85.71%	14.29%	0%
Creating 20 additional Post-16 specialist places at Winchelsea School (Broadstone Youth Centre site)	100%	0%	0%

Comments

Five respondents commented on the proposal. Four were supportive highlighting Winchelsea's expertise, the high and growing demand for specialist SEND places including 16 to 19 and early years provision, and the positive impact additional places would have on children's quality of life, families, and wider community support.

One respondent raised concerns about the appropriateness of shared space with younger children, based on personal experience.

