

Appendix 1: The Haven – Return on Investment case

Establishing SEND Resourced Provisions is part of the Warwickshire SEND & Inclusion Strategy 2019-2023. Resourced Provisions provide specialist provision in a mainstream environment to children with SEND, acting as a bridge between mainstream school and special school. The admission to Resourced Provision is governed by the local authority through a panel process. Admissions are based on the learner having an EHC plan and the needs of the learner.

Resourced Provisions provide the following benefits:

- Children with SEND are able to access local mainstream provision
- It frees up capacity in special school settings, and as a result avoids placements in independent specialist settings increasing costs for provision and transport, educating the child further away from their family home

Since 2016, 8 Resourced Provisions and Specialist Partnerships have been established, creating 92 places.

The proposal is to extend The Haven Resourced Provision, Stockingford Primary School from 8 places to 16 places, utilising the Kingswood 'Link' building and creating separate Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 provisions.

It is estimated that 73 additional specialist places are required in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area by 2023 (SEND Needs Assessment 2017-2023). Oak Wood Primary School currently has no additional capacity (capital works in progress).

In 2019/20 over 50 requests were made by schools in the Nuneaton & Bedworth area for specialist provision. For every Resourced Provision place, a special school place is freed up which in turn prevents a placement in independent specialist provision.

8 additional places would provide a cost avoidance of £33,449 per place (total £267,592 pa). This is based on an average place in Resourced Provision funded at a total of £18,313 compared with an average independent specialist provision cost of £51,762.