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Re: Public consultation

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to inform you that Lewisham Council has been working with the school as to the re-designation of our resource base, and are now commencing a consultation process regarding the change in designation of the Centre for the Deaf resource base currently in place here at Rushey Green. It is proposed that the resource base will be re-designated as a resource for children with Social Emotional and Mental Health needs. This follows a review of Special Educational Needs within Lewisham and reflects a national picture of a reduction in young people requiring the support that a Centre for the Deaf can provide.

What happens next?

Lewisham Council will now start the consultation process as of Friday 7th October. This will run through until Friday 11th November, including a meeting here at the school on Thursday 3rd November at 6pm. The purpose of consultation is to:

- give you and the general public the opportunity to make suggestions and raise any questions you may have

What will happen at the end of the consultation?

I want to make it clear that no decisions have been taken yet and that no decision on this will be made until the consultation has concluded.

If the re-designation of our resource base is agreed, then I would like you to know that the school and governors are committed to continuing to cater for those children that currently make use of the Centre for the Deaf whilst they remain at the school.

The consultation proposal is attached to this letter outlining the details of the consultation and when and where you will be able to make your views heard.

We appreciate that this may be an upsetting and difficult time for some families, and we are here to provide support. Please feel free to arrange to meet with myself or SENDCO Ms Thomas if you have any queries or would like to discuss any aspect of the process further.

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER





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