

Special Provision Capital Fund

In March 2017 the Department for Education announced that Local Authorities would receive capital funding to support them in creating new places and improve facilities at existing schools for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The funding is expected to be used to develop provision for pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs in mainstream and/or special schools. The funding can only be used for capital expenditure. The funding can be used at a broad range of settings including local authority maintained establishments, independent and non-maintained settings, academies as well as further education settings. It is not intended for Higher Education settings such as universities and any provision supporting those aged 25 and over.

Wiltshire Council was awarded £1,359,723 with the funding to be received over 3 years (the first installment received during 2018/19).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-provision-capital-funding-for-pupils-with-ehc-plans>

Following the guidance from the DfE, Wiltshire Local Authority are publishing this plan for the special provision capital fund.

Initial consultations took place through:

- A letter to all schools on the 16.6.2017 followed by informal meetings, Schools forum members, Specials schools project group meetings and discussion in three locally based SEN conferences in November 2017.
- Wiltshire Council alongside Wiltshire Parent Carer Council delivered workshops with parent carers from on the 1st, 4th and 5th of November 2017.
- During 2018 consultation took place regarding Special schools for children with complex needs in the north of the county which has helped to shape proposals for future provision
- During January and February 2019 consultations have taken place within three special schools (Larkrise, Rowdeford and St Nicholas), regarding the proposal for special schools, as well as wider consultations in community areas (in partnership with Wiltshire Parent Carer Council)

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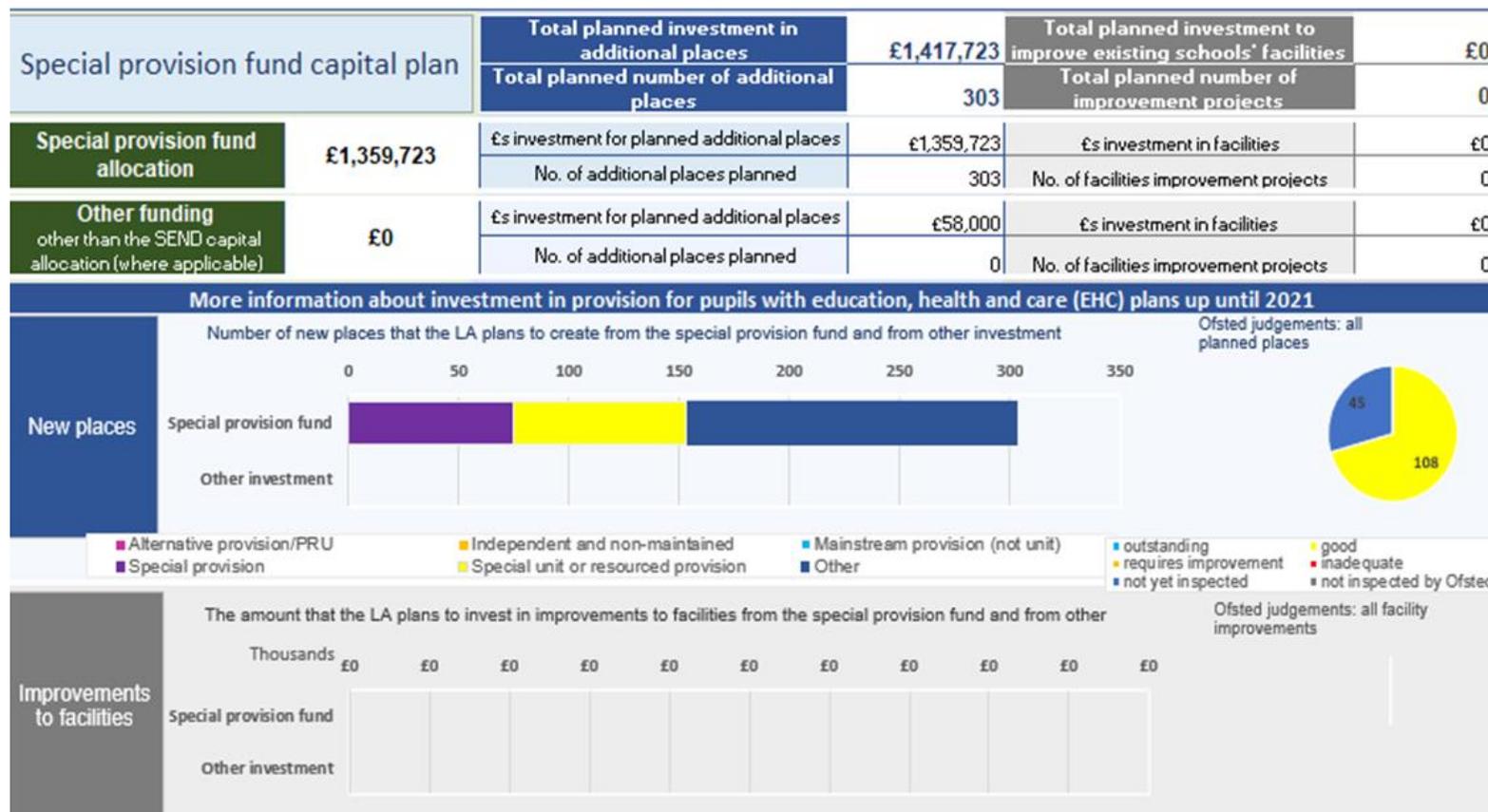
Wiltshire is proposing to allocate up to £1,326,723 of the grant to support the development of extra places. The existing plan will lead to:

- The creation of up to 303 special school and resource base places across the county in schools which are “Good”, “Outstanding” or awaiting first judgement.
- Improvements to safety and environment for one school.

The funding is expected to spread across a minimum of ten schools. The screen shots below show these plans diagrammatically.

This plan is based on the priorities identified in the SEN Strategy Supporting Schools available on the link below:

http://www.wiltshirepathways.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SEN-Schools-Strategy-Sept-2015-final_CH6.pdf



Please note this plan is subject to change, and will be reviewed regularly in line with the timetable set out by the DfE.

Provision					places (£)		Number of additional places			facilities (£)	Total (£)	Additional Information about each project	
Provision URN	Provision name and address	Provision category	Ofsted Judgement	Age range for project	Special provision fund investment in additional	Other investment in additional places	Special provision fund additional planned places	Other investment additional planned places	Total additional planned places	Special provision fund investment in facilities	Total investment in project	Type of SEN or disability that project is designed to meet.	LAs should use this section of the table to set out more details about the aims of the project. Beyond this further information can be listed in their strategic plan or directly on their local offer page.
139260	Rivermead School, Lowbourn, Melksham, SN12 7ED	Special unit or resourced provision	Good	Primary	£20,000		11		11		£20,000	MLD and SLD	Improving the safety of movement for pupils around the site which will allow for greater dependency for children as they will be able to move round more freely and integrate more easily into the mainstream sections of the school. With children needing to be chaperoned less due to layout changes and improved safety, this will allow more children to come into the base
126177	Fitzmaurice Primary School	Special unit or resourced provision	Good	Primary	£200,000		12		12		£200,000	ASD/C&I	This funding will support the opening of a new resource base in Bradford on Avon with 12 places on offer to children presenting with ASD/C&I. The location of this resource base would serve a wide catchment area in the west of the county
139303	Wansdyke Community School	Special unit or resourced provision	Good	Primary	£150,000		8		8		£150,000	Complex Needs	Funding to build an extension to the existing base
126265	Salisbury Manor Fields Primary School	Special unit or resourced provision	Good	Primary	£20,000		5		5		£20,000	Complex Needs	Existing resource base which currently accommodate 10 children. The capital funding will allow for some reconfiguration of the space (and improvement of outdoor facilities) to increase capacity within the resource base.
141619	The Avenue Primary School and Children's Centre	Special unit or resourced provision	Good	Primary	£140,000		10		10		£140,000	Complex Needs	This funding is to support the expansion of a resource base, and will be used to fund a mobile classroom on the site
126550	Downland School	Special provision	Good	Primary and secondary	£33,000		16		16		£33,000	SEMH	A small investment within this maintained special school with allow for some refiguration of the site allowing the number of places to increase from 69 to 85.
141647	Exeter House Special School	Special provision	Good	Primary and secondary	£120,000		18		18		£120,000		To allow an increase in placements for students from 134 to 142 for 2019. That following a review through 2019 the local authority will work with the school to consider a further expansion to 152 places for 2020.
145198	The Springfields Academy	Special provision	Not yet inspected	Primary and secondary	£50,000		13		13		£50,000		To allow for consults of 180 across both sites (Springfield Main and Springfield South - see below)
145198	Springfields satellite, Sarum Academy, Salisbury SP2 9HS	Special unit or resourced provision	Not yet inspected	Primary and secondary	£342,000	£58,000	32		32		£400,000	ASD/SEMH	The LA is seeking to increase the number of places for ASD/SEMH by bringing into use a recently closed site. At present the LA is seeking expressions of interest for a provider to expand their provision on this new site. This is why there is no identified URN at this point. Conditions surveys have been completed for the building and these figures represent initial estimates.
	Free School	Other		Primary and secondary	£125,000		150		150		£125,000		Funding to support the development of an ASD/SEMH free school in the south of the county. Although school building being funded by the DfE, the LA are responsible to cover any abnormalities for this project.
126546	Rowdeford school	Special provision	Good	Secondary	£12,000		28		28		£12,000		Creation of new places to meet need for SLD/MLD places.
	Expansion and improvement school places - currently commercially sensitive	Other		Primary and secondary	£147,723				0		£147,723		Significant plans for major expansion across special schools which are still part of consultation

Below are the points through consultation

Group	Date and method of discussion i.e. meeting or online consultation	Topic(s) of discussion	Outcome including any changes as a result of the consultation
Wiltshire Parent Carer Council	Workshops on the 1st, 4th and 5th of December 2017	Development of Special school provision	Focus on shared approach rather than individual schools
Schools (maintained, academy, special, primary and secondary)	Letter 16.6.2017 followed up by informal meetings as appropriate. Also included as an agenda item for Schools funding working group/Forum and discussed in SEN conferences November 2017.	Consideration of the use of capital grant.	Split of the funding between Resource bases and Special schools with focus towards special schools
Special schools	Included in discussions within on-going Special School Project group, bi-monthly meeting	The use of the grant within the project	We have an on-going programme which has a 5yr timetable which will eventually create 220 new special school places. This sum of money is no where near the millions required to create these places, but the programme team agreed through the consultation that this funding will be directed towards supporting short term solutions while longer term solutions are achieved and contributing to the capital required for longer term approaches achieved.
All stakeholders	Website, face to face meetings and videoa and written material. Paper and online survey	Pre-statutory consultation on creation of places for children/young people with SLD in the north of the county	Following a meeting in the Spring of 2018 we agreed to consult on the creation of new special schools places in the north. The consultation completed at the end of July. 850 replies were received which are now being processed which will contribute to the submission of specific proposals for further consultation in September 2018.

Should you have any comments about the plan, please send these to specialschools@wiltshire.gov.uk by no later then 12 noon Friday 31st May.