

Dear Stakeholder

At Grasmere Academy we host a North Tyneside Local Authority commissioned ARP (Additionally Resourced Provision) or SRP (Special Resourced Provision). This is currently an additional provision for children with moderate learning difficulties. It is our intention to change our designation to Language and Communication.

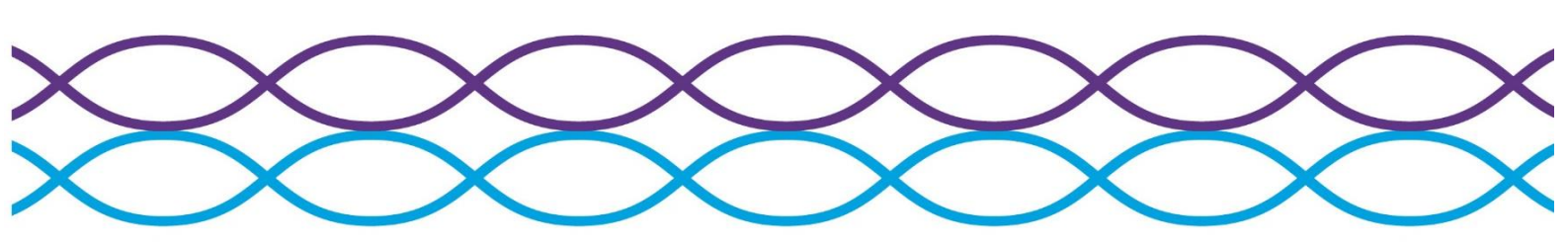
According to DfE Area guidelines for SEND and alternative provision:

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SRP and Units provide additional specialist facilities on a mainstream school site for a small number of pupils, typically less than 30, who usually have EHC plans or statements of need. SRP and Units tend to provide for a specific need such as speech, language and communication needs (SLCN), hearing or visual impairment (HI/ VI) or autism. Less commonly they may provide for pupils with a physical disability (PD) or behavioural difficulty. SRP and Units vary widely, often reflecting the local approach to inclusion. There is a difference between SRP and Units. In SRP pupils spend most of their time (usually well over 50% of their timetable) in mainstream classes. They only attend the SRP facilities for individual support, to learn a specific skill (for example braille for VI pupils), to receive medical or therapeutic support (for PD pupils) or to access specialist equipment. The facilities can be in a suite or dispersed throughout the school. Pupils in a Unit spend the majority of their time there, only attending mainstream classes for a few lessons, such as PE, for assembly or for lunch. Pupils in both settings are on the roll of the mainstream school.

The ARP provision at Grasmere Academy has changed overtime. This is due to the changing needs of the children who now typically receive full time education in the ARP.

According to the guidance outlined above, this is more reflective of a SEN unit. If your child



currently attends the Grasmere ARP they will transfer to the new SEN unit, the change of designation does not affect this.

In order to change our designation from an ARP to a SEN Unit, as an Academy we have to submit a significant change application to the Department for Education (DfE) and conduct a three-week consultation period.

We are writing to you today to ask you to complete the google form below.

<https://forms.gle/1uKXRYonG3KsESYNA>

This will provide you with the opportunity to give your opinion on our proposed changes in order to formally consult with all stakeholders.

If you would like a paper copy of this letter or consultation form, or any help to complete the form please contact the school office on 0191 222 0259.

Consultation opens Tuesday 7th May 2024 and closes Monday 27th May 2024.

Once the consultation process is complete, we will update stakeholders with the results of the consultation. If successful, the submission will be made to the Department for Education requesting this change to take effect from September 2024.

Yours sincerely

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