



**St Ralph  
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Catholic Multi Academy Trust

## **Consultation on Proposals to Establish an Enhanced Resource Provision (ERP) at St Alban's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Derby**

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### **Proposals**

The St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust is consulting on a proposal to establish, from September 2026, an Enhanced Resource Provision (ERP) at St Alban's Catholic Voluntary Academy, in Newstead Avenue, Chaddesden, Derby, initially for up to 12 pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The provision will support pupils whose needs cannot be fully met through mainstream classroom provision alone and who require a more specialised, structured and supported environment, while still benefiting from inclusion within a mainstream school.

### **Background**

St Alban's Catholic Voluntary Academy has a strong commitment to inclusive practice and is currently supporting a number of pupils with higher levels of SEND within its existing provision. At present, eight pupils are accessing elements of enhanced provision, including targeted interventions, adapted curriculum delivery, and increased adult support.

However, this provision is not formally designated or funded as an Enhanced Resource Provision. As a result, funding does not fully reflect the level of need, and the long-term sustainability of the provision is under increasing pressure.

Formalising the provision as an ERP will enable the school to secure appropriate funding, staffing, and specialist resources, ensuring that support for these pupils is both effective and sustainable over time.

### **Evidence of Need**

There is a well-documented and increasing demand for specialist primary provision across Derby City, particularly for pupils with communication and interaction needs, including autism, as well as those with social, emotional and mental health needs.

This growing demand has resulted in increased pressure on existing specialist settings, longer waiting times for placements, and, in some cases, pupils being placed outside of their local community.



The proposed ERP at St Alban's will contribute to addressing this need by increasing local capacity and enabling more pupils to access high-quality provision within a mainstream setting close to home.

### **What the Provision Will Look Like**

The Enhanced Resource Provision will initially cater for up to 12 pupils and will primarily support those with:

- Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC)
- Communication and interaction needs

The provision will be staffed by a specialist teacher, supported by trained teaching assistants, with access to external professionals such as speech and language therapists and educational psychologists.

Pupils will follow an adapted National Curriculum, supported by individualised learning plans. The provision will place a strong emphasis on developing communication, social skills and emotional regulation, alongside academic learning.

Where appropriate, pupils will have opportunities to access mainstream lessons and activities, supporting inclusion and a sense of belonging within the wider school community.

### **Accommodation and Facilities**

The Local Authority has already invested in capital works at the school to develop appropriate accommodation for the provision. This ensures that suitable, accessible and safe learning spaces are already in place to support pupils with additional needs.

### **Impact of the Proposal**

The ERP will enhance the school's inclusive practice and provide additional support and expertise within the setting.

The proposal will not reduce the number of mainstream places available at the school and will complement existing provision within the local area.

The ERP is expected to have a positive impact on:

- Pupils with SEND, through improved access to specialist support
- Families, by enabling children to attend provision closer to home
- The wider system, by increasing specialist capacity within Derby City

### **Consultation and Decision Making Process**



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This consultation will take place from April 24th 2026 to May 22nd 2026.

The purpose of the consultation is to gather the views of stakeholders on the proposed establishment of the Enhanced Resource Provision. All responses will be carefully considered and will inform the final business case submitted to the Department for Education.

Following the consultation period, the Trust will review all feedback before deciding whether to proceed with the proposal.

### **Responding to the Consultation**

We welcome all views on this proposal. While individual responses will not be provided, all feedback will be carefully considered as part of the decision-making process.

Comments can be made to the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust:

Via this Microsoft Form: [St Alban's Enhanced Resource Provision consultation – Fill out form](#)

By email: [consultation@dsa.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:consultation@dsa.srscmat.co.uk)

By post to: Nicola Allen, St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust, St Katherine's House, Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3TQ.

Please note that all responses must be received by midnight on Friday, May 22nd 2026.

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