

Wokingham Borough Council

Statutory Notice

Walter Infant School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, as amended by the Education Act 2011, and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Wokingham Borough Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Walter Infant School, Murray Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 2TA from 01 September 2026. It is proposed to establish a SEN Unit for Autism and Speech, Language and Communication Needs at Walter Infant School for 12 pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan, across Year R to Year 2 (4 places in each year group). In the first year, four places will be offered in Year R. Thereafter, the provision will grow incrementally, year-on-year, with four additional places being offered in each subsequent Year R intake. The total capacity of 12 places is expected to be reached in September 2028.

Works would be undertaken to create dedicated accommodation within the current school premises, created by the refurbishment of rooms previously used as class bases.

Admission to this facility will be distinct from mainstream admission to the school. Children admitted to the school to attend the SEN Unit will be in addition to the Published Admission Number PAN, and the PAN will not be reduced to take account of admissions to the SEN Unit.

Wokingham Borough Council has complied with all applicable statutory requirements to consult in connection with this proposal. At the conclusion of the Notice period, if permission is granted by the Executive, Wokingham Borough Council will implement the proposal.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Piers Brunning at: piers.brunning@wokingham.gov.uk or online at: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/planning-new-school-places> .

The consultation runs until midday on 29 January 2026. Any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to: piers.brunning@wokingham.gov.uk or by post to Piers Brunning, Childrens Services, Wokingham Borough Council, Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 1BN

Interested parties are also invited to attend a public meeting being held at 19:00 on 12th January 2026, at St Pauls Junior School.

Signed: Dr Ming Zhang, Assistant Director for Education & SEND, Wokingham Borough Council

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