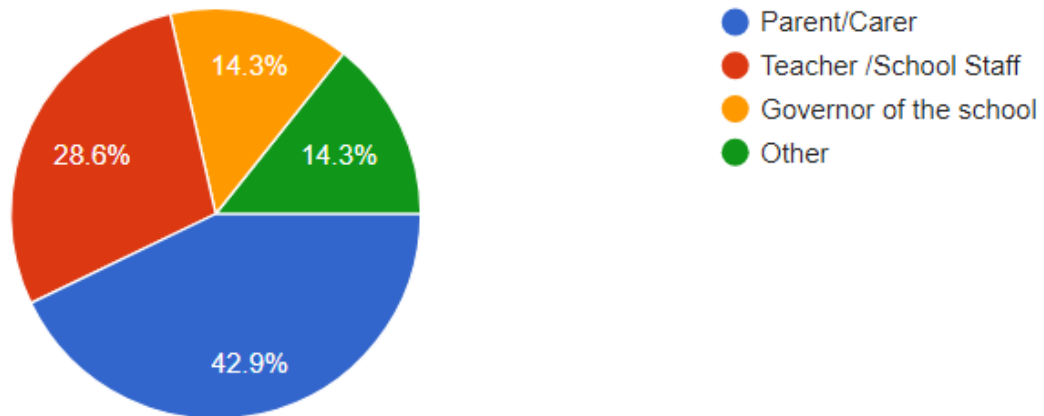


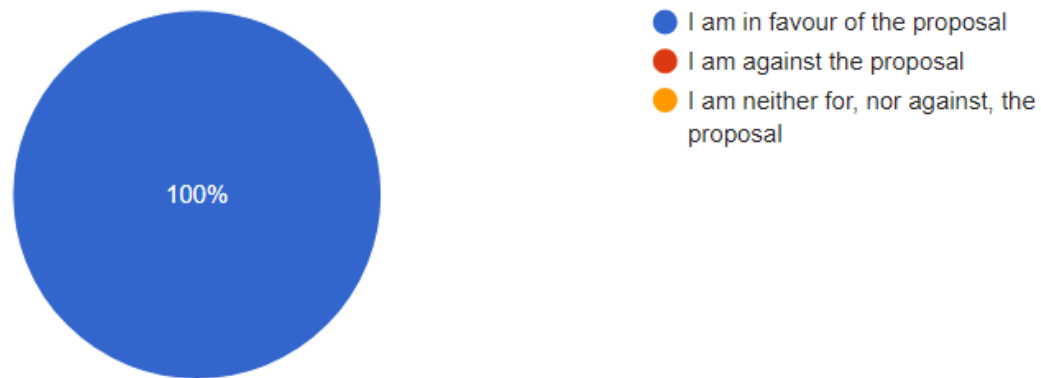


Castle Wood Academy SEND Hub Consultation Summary Report

The consultation process went live on Monday 20th January 2025 until Monday 10th February 2025. In total there were 7 responses as follows:



100% of the respondents were in favour of the proposal:



There were 6 comments/ queries which are addressed below:

Comment/ Query	Our response
My concern is that provision is only for those with an ECH plan - we all know how difficult it has become to acquire such. I'd be interested to see the actual % of pupils that are SEND as opposed to	At Castle Wood Academy there are: 281 children on roll 54 children are SEND, of these 54 children 15 have EHCPs 39 are SEND support. The provision is only for children with an EHCP, as the consultation stated: <i>Access to the SEND Hub will be through the</i>





<p>those with an actual ECH plan.</p>	<p><i>formalised Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessment or EHC plan Annual Review route, managed by the Local Authority. The Local Authority will agree and name the mainstream school through the SEND Code of Practice consultation process, with the designation of a Mainstream SEND Hub named in the pupils' EHC plan, if deemed the most appropriate type of setting.</i></p>
<p>Places are needed in the Gainsborough area</p>	<p>Yes, we agree and Castle Wood Academy want to be part of the solution to the shortage of special school places.</p>
<p>Should this not be open to every sen child to use</p>	<p>Not all SEND children have an EHCP or need the level of support offered in the SEND Hub.</p>
<p>This would be an amazing addition to the school to be able to facilitate more dedicated support to children with SEND.</p>	<p>Yes, we agree and Castle Wood Academy want to be part of the solution to the shortage of special school places.</p>
<p>This is a good solution to help manage the current national SEND crisis. I'm pleased to see that 3 existing pupils will be able to access this as the host school and that it will be fully funded and therefore not impact existing school budgets.</p>	<p>Castle Wood Academy are working closely with Lincolnshire County Council who are fully funding this provision to alleviate the shortage of special school places. The school will have the ability to have up to 3 places available to utilise at our discretion, for all or part of the school day.</p>
<p>How will thus support those that dont have ehc? How will this support children with diagnosis but school refuse to do ehc? Does the proposal allow the school to support children who need the extra support but cannot get a ehc? Or unable send referrals for diagnosis off but recognise that the child needs help?</p>	<p>The SEND hub, whilst providing SEND provision will be fully integrated into Castle Wood Academy. The vision is that the acquisition of the SEND Hub will allow for Inclusion to be at the heart of the school. All staff, including those not directly in the Hub, will benefit from training on provision, curriculum, teaching and learning to specifically support the needs of the children. We envisage this will impact all children.</p> <p>Not all diagnosed children need an EHCP. Where the school sees it appropriate to gather information for an EHCP, they will work alongside the parents to complete this process, however, ultimately the Local Authority make a decision as to whether a child is issue an EHCP. Parents are able to request an EHCP independently.</p> <p>The school will continue to support children with SEND in line with the Code of Practice. The addition of the Hub will not change this.</p>



