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Dear Parents, Carers and Other Interested Parties,

**Consultation on Proposal to Open a Resourced Provision at St. Clement's & St. John's CE Infant and Bethany CE Junior**

We are seeking your views on a proposal which we believe will enable St. Clement's & St. John's and Bethany to continue meeting the needs of all pupils.

The proposal is to open a resourced provision at both schools from 1st September 2025 (or as soon as possible after that).

A resourced provision is an area within a mainstream school for pupils who need higher levels of help and support than the school can usually offer. Children in a resourced provision don't usually need a special school, but they do need more support than usual and they have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). Children in a resourced provision still join in with the rest of the school for many activities.

During this year, the schools have tried something like this with the 'Little Oaks' (St. Clement's) and 'Oasis' (Bethany) classes. It has worked really well. The children have made good progress, and we have seen how much it has benefitted them.

We are pleased that Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council has now asked the schools to make these support spaces permanent as resourced provisions. We think this is a good idea because:

- It will continue to help children in 'Little Oaks' and 'Oasis' classes and then other children who need this level of support into the future;
- Having a resourced provision at both the infant and junior sites allows for children to progress from one to the other as they move through the schools;
- It is already helping children and more children in our area need this kind of support;
- We can keep improving the support we give;
- The council will help with money and planning as they will formally place appropriate children into the provisions, in consultation with the schools;
- Resourced provision often brings improved outcomes in behaviour, wellbeing and academic achievement across the whole school.

The provisions will use one main classroom in each school, just like they do now. This won't change how many other children we can take into the schools. We will not need to make any change to either school's Published Admission Number for these provisions.

If you would like to send comments or questions about this, please email at this address: [SCSJ-BJSbase@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:SCSJ-BJSbase@coastalpartnership.co.uk).

The consultation is open now and finishes at the end of the day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July.


The final decision will be made by the Department for Education. This consultation will help us make an application to them.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to share this letter with anyone else you think may be interested to read it.

Yours sincerely,



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