

SEN PROVISION SEPTEMBER 2000 – MARCH 2001

Update on developments that have happened in the period above:

1. Social Communication Department (SCD) at Icknield Combined School

Interviews are shortly being held for a Head of Department and Teacher. Works will commence soon to convert a classroom and storerooms in time for September 2001. This will be a 12 place department. For one year whilst amalgamation is underway, 6 pupils will be based at Berryfield and 6 pupils will transfer from Berryfield to Icknield in September 2001. The total at anytime will not be more than 12 by September 2001.

2. Social Communication Department at Elmhurst Junior School

A Head of Department starts at the beginning of the summer term 2001. There are two pupils at the moment based in the Deputy Head's office. The Music Service should vacate in June 2001 and therefore the Department can move into their premises for September 2001. This is for 6 pupils initially.

3. Other possible Primary SCD Developments

Tentative discussions have been had with Clayton's Combined School for a 6-12 SCD development. Quotes for existing work should be ready by the end of April. If monies can be found it is intended to build a covered walkway that will release a classroom space that extends into an existing corridor. If this happens the school is prepared to consider a department after consultation with Governors.

4. Secondary SCD at Princes Risborough Upper School

This is progressing though discussions are being had about mechanical access to the site i.e. a crane. This needs to be resolved before September 2001. The school will eventually be able to accommodate 30 pupils.

5. Secondary Language Department

Holmer Green Upper School will take two pupils in September 2001 but the Department will only come fully on line in September 2002. ICAN, a national charity, has been commissioned to provide the training and support in this specialist area. They are advising on staff and pupil resources. It will eventually take a maximum of 30 pupils across all the year groups.

6. Secondary Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (EBD)

The first EBD Department in mainstream will be at The Misbourne School in September 2001. This will be for 12 pupils based on a model from the DfEE of a 7 place department. Adverts have gone out for a Head of Department CPS + 2 + 1 SEN and a Teacher CPS + 1 SEN. Accommodation is due on site. This is an exciting development, fully supported by the school, which could provide a model of provision to replicate. The department intends to develop specialisms with EBD girls, but not exclusively.