



1st November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

ARB Consultation

We are writing to you as a parent of a student in our Area Resource Base (ARB) to ask for your opinion on the future of the ARB.

Throughout the course of the conversion of Brannel School to an Academy with Newquay Education Trust, we have been working with the Local Authority on the most effective model for developing the provision for students within the ARB. One of the options we are considering is a more formal relationship with the Special Partnership Trust (SPT). The SPT are a Multi-Academy Trust which includes Cornwall's special schools.

What are we proposing?

We are consulting with you on a proposal that will result in the management and support of the ARB being transferred to the SPT whilst keeping the ARB located at Brannel School.

If this proposal were to go ahead, we would transfer all the staff, leadership functions and students within the ARB to the SPT, including a lease for the portion of the Brannel School building which accommodates the ARB. This is likely to happen alongside some other ARBs. The advantages of this change mean that there will be much greater specialist expertise for the needs of students in the ARB and more specific training for staff working with those students.

What will this mean for students who attend the Brannel ARB?

Almost nothing. Students will continue to attend the ARB at Brannel School as they currently do, they will wear Brannel uniform and attend events at Brannel, including tutor time in the mornings. We will continue to include students in the Brannel ARB in classes as much as possible, depending on need. However, the students will not be on roll at Brannel School and their teachers and support staff will be employed by the SPT. Brannel staff and those who work in the ARB will continue to work together for the benefit of all students who have their education provision on the Brannel site.

How can I find out more?

A meeting will be held at the school on Monday 6th November at 7:30pm. We would encourage you to attend if you have any questions, or simply want to learn more. Representatives from the SPT and Will Pritchard, from the Local Authority, will be present.

If you cannot attend the meeting on Monday 6th November, please email the school (head@brannel.com) and we will try to assist.

How can I make representations?

To respond to this consultation on whether the ARB should become part of the SPT, please write or email us at the details below:

Representations can be made in writing to:
Stephanie Wilson (Clerk to the Local Governing Board)
Brannel School, Rectory Road, St Stephen PL26 7RN
Or by email to:

academy_consultation@brannel.com

The closing date for representations to be made is noon on Monday 4th December 2017.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to respond to our consultation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Edmonds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Mr Andy Edmonds
Headteacher
(on behalf of the local governing board)