

## Proposal to... Add an ASN Provision to Musselburgh Grammar School.

### What's Going On?

East Lothian Council is considering making an important change to help improve support for learners across the county.

We are considering adding a new **ASN (Additional Support Needs) provision** to your school, Musselburgh Grammar. It's important that all members of the school community, understand what this means and get a chance to share their views.

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### What Is Being Proposed?

The provision would be located in an existing ground floor corridor and is planned to have:

- 6 dedicated classrooms;
- A Life-skills room;
- A general purpose / meeting space;
- Dedicated toilet facilities;
- An office;
- A dedicated entrance/exit and
- Its own enclosed garden space.

The aim is to make sure every child and young person can learn in the way that suits them best.

This dedicated learning environment would be designed for pupils from across East Lothian with ASN which are assessed as severe, complex and enduring. Learners would be placed in provision by the Education Resource Group (ERG).

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### What Does ASN Actually Mean?

ASN stands for **Additional Support Needs**. A child or young person may need extra support for many different reasons, for example:

- Learning difficulties;
- Social, emotional or mental-health needs;
- Neurodiversity e.g. Autism, ADHD, ADD etc. or
- Other conditions e.g. Downs' Syndrome, Intellectual Disability etc.

ASN support isn't about labelling people — it's about making sure everyone gets the help they need.

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### Why Are We Thinking About This Change?

Because we want:

- Better and more targeted support for children and young people across East Lothian who need additional help.
- Inclusive schools where everyone has the chance to thrive.
- An environment that recognises different needs and removes barriers to learning.

East Lothian Council already has 3 Secondary Specialist Provisions, and they make a big difference to children and young people's confidence, learning and wellbeing.

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### How Would The New ASN Provision Work?

Children and young people placed in the provision would still be pupils of Musselburgh Grammar, taking part, as appropriate to their needs, in school events, subjects, social times, and activities.

Lessons would be more personalised, with a focus on building confidence, skills, and wellbeing.

The space would be structured and designed to help young people feel safe and included.

Provisions are staffed with a higher staff to pupil ratio. Staff will have specialist skills and training to support children and young people with complex needs.

Where appropriate, children and young people in the mainstream school could access learning opportunities in the provision. Similarly, children and young people in the provision could access the mainstream.

This is inclusion. This promotes the diversity of learners working together in a school community as a strength.

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### Your Voice Matters

As part of the statutory consultation, you can share:

- What you think about the proposal;
- Any questions or worries and
- Any other ideas you have.

What you say will be taken seriously. We want to hear what you think.

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### How You Can Share Your Views

You can contribute by:

- Filling in a short survey by using the QR code;
  - Sharing your thoughts at a consultation meeting or
  - Attending an individual drop-in session.
- (Dates for meetings and drop-ins will be shared by your school)



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### What Happens After the Consultation?

1. Everyone's feedback — including yours — will be reviewed.
2. A decision will be made about whether to go ahead with the creation of an ASN specialist provision at Musselburgh Grammar School.
3. If approved, plans will be developed and shared with you.

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### Thank You for Taking Part

Your views help shape the future of your school and how East Lothian Council builds a more inclusive environment to support all our children and young people.

You'll be kept updated throughout the process.