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| Description: Ncc logo 65mm |  | **The person dealing with this matter is:**  Deanne Taylor  Head of SEND  Newcastle City Council  3rd Floor  Civic Centre  Barras Bridge  Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1NP  **Email:** deanne.taylor@newcastle.gov.uk  **www.newcastle.gov.uk** |
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6th December 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

**If you need this information in another format or language please contact the sender.**

I am writing to you regarding the Early Years (EY) Assessment Additional Resourced Provision (ARP) in Bridgewater Primary School.

The Early Years Assessment ARPs were created some years ago to allow for a statutory assessment of children with Special educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), within a maximum timescale of 2 years.

The world of SEND has changed considerably since. The short-term nature of a placement in an EY assessment ARP is no longer suitable. There is a lack of clear pathways for some of these children to suitable provision.

An in-depth review of the Early Years Assessment ARP at Bridgewater Primary School has been conducted. We have worked with the senior leadership at Bridgewater Primary School, and it has been agreed that the EY Assessment ARP is no longer sustainable.

We are therefore proposing to close the ARP at Bridgewater Primary School with effect from September 2025. Assessments will continue to be available from a child’s Early Years setting with support from the SENDOS Early Years Team.

You are invited to respond to the consultation via the form at the end of this letter. All responses must be received by Friday 17th January 2025.

If you would like to discuss the proposal in more detail at a mutually agreed time, please contact [sendplaceplanning@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:sendplaceplanning@newcastle.gov.uk)

or sam.robson@bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk otherwise I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,



Deanne Taylor

**Head of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**

**Consultation Response Form**

**Proposal to remove the Early Years (EY) Assessment Additionally Resourced provision (ARP) at Bridgewater Primary School from September 2025**

Your response must reach us by the closing date of Friday 17th January 2025

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| **Your name:** |  |
| **Your organisation (if applicable):** |  |
| **Your address:** |  |

Please mark the category below which best describes you as a respondent:

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|  | Parent of child who attends Bridgewater Primary School |
|  | Parent in local area |
|  | Primary/secondary/special school in local area |
|  | Local authority |
|  | Other (please specify) |

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| 1. Do you agree with the LA’s proposal to remove the EY Assessment ARP at Bridgewater Primary School from September 2025?  Yes/No  If Yes, go to question 3; if No, go to question 2 |
| 2. If you do not agree with the proposal, what are your objections?  Now go to question 3 |
| 3. Are there are any comments you would like to make about the proposal? |

Responses can be sent to the:

* By email to: [sendplaceplanning@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:linda.steel@newcastle.gov.uk)
* By post to: SEND Place Planning, 3rd Floor, Civic Centre, Newcastle NE99 1NP

**Thank you for taking time to respond to this consultation.**