



## **Consultation on a Proposal to add an SEMH SRB at Acle Academy, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3ER from 01 November 2025**

### **Our Proposal**

The Wensum Trust would like to hear your views on our proposal for Acle Academy **to add a 10 place Social, Emotional, and Mental Health (SEMH) SRB from 01 November 2025.**

Our proposed SEMH SRB will be located on the school site and within existing accommodation, to create an enabling environment for learners in a bespoke accommodation base.

The proposal will also be supported by a recurrent funding agreement to support a specialist staffing structure for the SEMH Base, including resources, equipment and running costs associated with the Centre.

The proposed SEMH Base will provide places for pupils at Acle Academy and pupils at agreed local schools as part of Norfolk County Council's plan to create additional alternative provision across Norfolk. Places at the SEMH Base will be agreed through the local partnership meetings that will be attended by Norfolk County Council Advisers, leaders from schools supported by the base and Acle Academy. Any new provision within the programme will grow to full capacity once established by supporting pupils who would benefit from attending the SEMH Base.

### **What is an Assessment Base Centre (AB Centre)?**

SEMH Bases are specialist learning centres which assist pupils who require additional support in order to successfully attend and learn in mainstream schools. The SEMH Bases will have dedicated and specialist staff as well as drawing upon specialist teaching expertise from Acle Academy core teaching team. All costs are funded by Norfolk County Council.

The aim of an SEMH Base is to provide a learning area which is calm and purposeful.

Pupils will attend the SEMH Base on a temporary/permanent basis for up to one term. Once they are ready to, they will return and re-integrate to their own school. The places at the SEMH Base do not form part of the school published admission number (PAN) and are registered in addition to that number.

**Students will remain on the roll of their home school throughout their placement.**

Whilst the SEMH Base provides additional placements to the published admission number for Acle Academy, it will be run and managed by the academy.

## What are the benefits of this proposal?

The Wensum Trust and senior leaders of Acle Academy feel these changes would benefit children and young people because it will:

- Provide consistency of and access to alternative provision for pupils and families.
- Provide additional support for students at KS3 and KS4 who may be at risk of exclusion.
- Ensure that needs of pupils are met locally avoiding the need for unnecessary time travelling to an appropriate school further away. This is better for children and young people and saves transport costs.
- Be part of a Norfolk network of AP Centres providing opportunities for partnership working, professional development and training.

## Capital costs

All capital costs for refurbishment will be funded from Norfolk County Council's capital programme to ensure there is the appropriate accommodation.

## How can you have your say?

The school will be holding a drop in event on 25 Jun 2025 between 1630 and 1730hrs, where you can come and find out more about this proposal. Please register to take part in our consultation event by emailing [consultation@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:consultation@wensumtrust.org.uk)

If you are unable to attend this event but would like to comment on our proposal, you can have your say by:

- Completing the form below send it to [consultation@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:consultation@wensumtrust.org.uk)
- Completing the form and sending it to Acle Academy reception.
- Accessing our online survey via QR code below and link [here](#).



**Responses should be submitted by 12 noon on 27 Jun 2025, please.**

## What happens next?

The Wensum Trust will consider all the responses received during this consultation and decide whether to complete a business case and send it to the Regional Director for a decision.

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Let us know what you think of our proposal.

How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to establish an SEMH Base at Acle Academy?

Please tick a box.

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree             | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree or disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree       | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                |

Why do you say this? Please write in the box below.

Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make to help us with this decision and in planning for the future provision for children? Please write in the box below.

We would like to hear from many different people as your views help us to decide whether we make these changes. We will also use any personal information to

understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal to establish the SEMH Base at Acle Academy.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Academy Trust's data protection policy and guidelines. This means that the Wensum Trust will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation.

We will not identify individuals when reporting back our findings and, under our record management policy, we will keep this information for five years. We will also, under normal circumstances, not pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation, including any personal information. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please tell us who you are (tick all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> School governor       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Carer                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Parent Teacher Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group    |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

At which school? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your postcode? \_\_\_\_\_

Your views will help us decide if this proposal goes ahead. You can tell us your views by returning this completed form to:

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**This consultation ends at 12 noon on 27 Jun 2025**