



# School Organisation Consultation

**Proposal to establish a new  
Additionally Resourced Provision  
at Redbridge Primary School**

**September  
2022**

## Introduction

1. This document sets out details of a proposal relating to the establishment of a Social and Communication Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) at Redbridge Primary School.

## Background

2. Redbridge Primary School is a four-form entry (4FE) Community Primary School, which accommodates children from Year R to Year 6. The school has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 120 and admits up to this number each year into its Year R. This gives the school an overall PAN capacity of 840 pupils, although the school currently has a roll in excess of this, at 859 pupils.

## Proposal

3. The London Borough of Redbridge is proposing to establish a Social and Communication ARP at Redbridge Primary School for 28 pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), across Year Groups R to 6 (4 places in each year group). Thus, the ARP's intended structure is as shown in the below table:

Year	Capacity
YR	4
Y1	4
Y2	4
Y3	4
Y4	4
Y5	4
Y6	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

4. If approved, the plan is to formally open the new facility in September 2023. In the first year, four places will be offered in Year R. Thereafter, the provision will grow incrementally, year-on-year, until the total capacity of 28 places across Year R-6 is reached. Admission to this facility will be distinct from mainstream admission to the school. Consequently, in order to maintain the school's capacity at its current level, this proposal would also require an amendment to the school's Admissions Arrangements, to reduce the mainstream PAN from 120 to 116, as detailed in the Pupil Placement section.

## Rationale

5. This proposal has been formed in response to a growing demand for such places in the local area. In line with regional and national trends, the London Borough of Redbridge has recently been experiencing substantial growth in demand for places in specialist education provision. As far back as 2015, Redbridge identified growth in the number of pupils presenting with different forms of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), which accelerated over the following years. For example, between 2018 and 2020, the total number of school-age pupils with registered SEND rose by 13.6%. This trend is projected to continue over the course of the current seven-year planning horizon, with this being particularly driven by a rapid increase in specific areas of identified need. Thus, by the 2027/28 academic year, there is forecast to be a 17.7% increase in the number of High Needs pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) registered as a primary need type and a corresponding increase of 25.7% for those registered with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). Naturally, such pupil growth has resulted in the need for additional provision to accommodate the

shifting profile of need, which has only partially been achievable within the bounds of the existing infrastructure.

6. As a consequence of this rising demand, the London Borough of Redbridge undertook a High Needs Review, which recommended the creation of 140 new school places for pupils with SEND, over the period 2018-2023. This was underpinned by an aspiration to create a significant amount of these places in Additionally Resourced Provisions attached to mainstream schools. This element of the proposals, in particular, generated strong support from parents, when consultation on the Review's proposals was undertaken in July 2018. Parents welcomed the proposed increase in the range of options available, with an emphasis on access to a mainstream curriculum, in the context of appropriate specialist support.
7. The current proposal, therefore, forms part of a borough-wide expansion programme, aimed at providing sufficient SEND school places to meet the current and projected future levels of demand, delivered across both specialist and mainstream settings. If approved, this proposal would provide 28 specialist primary places within Redbridge, which would help to bridge the gap between the supply of and demand for school places.

## **Pupil Placement**

8. Admission to the ARP will be by agreement with the Special Educational Needs Team of Redbridge Council. All children who are offered places will have, or be about to receive, an Education, Health and Care Plan.
9. As noted above, this proposal also requires an amendment to the school's Admissions Arrangements, to reduce the mainstream PAN from 120 to 116. If it is decided to proceed with this prescribed alteration, a separate consultation would be undertaken with respect to altering the school's admissions arrangements for the 2024/25 intake. This would form part of the standard annual admissions consultation, conducted from October 2022.
10. To account for the fact that the ARP will open a year earlier than the new admission arrangements take effect, for the 2023/24 intake only, admission to the ARP would operate as part of the school's standard admission round.

## **Staffing and HR**

11. The Redbridge Primary ARP will be managed by a dedicated team of staff comprising a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) supported by one Learning Support Assistant (LSA) per pupil in the Reception year group with one LSA per two pupils in Years 1 and above. These staff will be in addition to the core staff of the school and, as such, the ARP will not place any strain on the existing HR infrastructure within the school.
12. The school's support for SEND pupils will be overseen by the creation of a new 'Inclusion Leader' post, which will be funded by the school.

## **Capital planning and buildings**

13. The creation of the accommodation for the proposed ARP requires investment in building a dedicated resource base in the school's central courtyard, comprising two core classrooms, together with observation and breakout space. The remainder of the

courtyard would be redeveloped into a sensory garden area. The anticipated cost of the associated capital project is £500,000. The project cost will be funded through the London Borough of Redbridge's Special Provision Capital Fund, which is a capital grant allocation provided by the DfE specifically to finance the expansion of SEND provision.

## Have your say

The London Borough of Redbridge would like to know what the community thinks about this proposal. The consultation will open on **5 September 2022**.

You can respond by:

a) Accessing the consultation online, via the council's website:

<https://engagement.redbridge.gov.uk/> by scrolling through the list of open consultations.

b) Completing the consultation response form that is available at the end of this document. You can email the form or print it, complete it and send it back to the address below.

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FAO Redbridge Primary ARP Consultation to: [send.commissioning@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:send.commissioning@redbridge.gov.uk)

All responses must be received by noon on **3 October 2022**.

## What happens next?

We are going to hold a public meeting where you can express your views, obtain more information and have your questions answered. The details of the meeting are as follows:

**18:00 on Thursday 22 September 2022 at:**

**Redbridge Primary School,  
College Gardens, Redbridge, Ilford, Essex, IG4 5HW**

Following the completion of the consultation period, the decision on whether to formally approve the proposal will be referred to the Cabinet in October 2022. The outcome of the consultation process and the decision taken will be published on the Council website:

<http://moderngov.redbridge.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=267>

The responses received as part of the current consultation exercise will be collated and fed into the decision-making process. Should it be decided to proceed, the intention would be to implement the proposal for September 2023.

# Consultation Response Form

## Proposal to establish a new Social and Communication Additionally Resourced Provision at Redbridge Primary School

Please give us your views. Please tick the box that best shows what you think of the following questions and also give us any comments you have. You can write on the other side of this sheet if you want more space to write comments.

1. Do you agree with the proposal to establish a new Social and Communication ARP at Redbridge Primary School from September 2023?

Agree

Don't know

Disagree

Comments:

Please tick the boxes that apply to you.

A parent/carer of a child at the school

A parent/carer of a child who may in future attend the school

A parent/carer of a child at another school

Someone who works at the school

A Governor of the school

Some other link to the school

Someone else with an interest – please give details

It would also be helpful if you could give your postcode

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Please tick if you have written comments on the other side

