



School Organisation Consultation

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

**September
2019**

Introduction

1. This document sets out details of a proposal relating to the establishment of an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) at Cranbrook Primary School, for pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Background

2. Cranbrook 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, giving an overall capacity of 840 places for mainstream pupils.

Proposal

3. The London Borough of Redbridge is proposing to establish an ASD ARP at Cranbrook Primary School for 12 additional pupils with an EHCP, across Year Groups 1 to 6 (2 places in each year group). Thus, the ARP's intended structure is as shown in the below table:

| Year | Capacity |
|--------------|-----------|
| Y1 | 2 |
| Y2 | 2 |
| Y3 | 2 |
| Y4 | 2 |
| Y5 | 2 |
| Y6 | 2 |
| Total | 12 |

4. If approved, the plan is to formally open the new facility in September 2020. In the first year, two places will be offered in Year 1, and two in Year 2. Thereafter, the provision will grow incrementally, year-on-year, until the total capacity of 12 places across Year 1-6 is reached. Admission to this facility will be distinct from mainstream admission to the main school. As such, future arrangements for admissions to mainstream Year R places (as well as in year admission to other year groups) will not be affected by this proposal. The impact on the overall capacity of the school is shown in the below table:

| Year | YR | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 | Total |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| 2019/20 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 840 |
| 2020/21 | 120 | 122 | 122 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 844 |
| 2021/22 | 120 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 846 |
| 2022/23 | 120 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 120 | 120 | 848 |
| 2023/24 | 120 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 120 | 850 |
| 2024/25 | 120 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 852 |

Rationale

5. This proposal has been formed in response to a growing demand for such places in the local area. Since the introduction of the Children and Families Act 2014, the number of Redbridge resident pupils with a Statement or EHCP has risen by approximately 35%, broadly in line with the national average. This overall growth in numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) has been underpinned by a rapid increase in specific areas of identified need. In particular, over the same time period, the

ASD need type has risen from comprising 9% to over 27% of all pupils registered with an EHCP at Redbridge maintained schools. Furthermore, it is anticipated that the SEND pupil population will continue to grow, with a 16.5% (or 142-place) increase forecast 2019-2025 and ASD again being a key driver of the overall growth pattern. 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 extant 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 12 additional primary places within Redbridge, which would help to bridge the gap between the supply of and demand for school places, in combination with a number of other such proposals.

Pupil Placement

8. Admission to the Cranbrook 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 EHCP. Appropriate pupils will be identified and placed at the Cranbrook ARP through the EHCP formation process and subsequent review pathways.

Staffing and HR

9. The Cranbrook ARP will be managed by a dedicated team of staff, divided across three hubs (4 pupils per hub). A teacher will deliver education across all three hubs. This teacher will be supported by 1x Higher Level Teaching Assistant and 1x Learning Support Assistant per hub. Pupils will be supported by a Mid-day Assistant (MDA) at lunchtime, at a ratio of one MDA per two pupils. 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.

Capital planning and buildings

10. The creation of the accommodation for the proposed ARP requires investment in converting three existing rooms within the school. 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 **12 September 2019**.

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 Cranbrook ARP Consultation to: send.commissioning@redbridge.gov.uk

All responses must be received by noon on **10 October 2019**.

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:

**Cranbrook Primary School
The Drive, Ilford IG1 3PS**

On

Thursday 3 October 2019 at 6:00pm

Following the completion of the consultation period, the decision on whether to formally approve the proposal will be referred to the Cabinet in November 2019. 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 2020.

Consultation Response Form

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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 ASD ARP at Cranbrook Primary School from September 2020?

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 in an Early Years setting

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

