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

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, as amended by the Education Act 2011, and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that the London Borough of Redbridge intends to make a prescribed alteration to Cranbrook Primary School, The Drive, Ilford, IG1 3PS, with effect from 1 September 2020.

Contact Details

Name and address of Local Authority publishing the proposal:

London Borough of Redbridge, Lynton House, 255-259 High Road, Ilford IG1 1NN

Name, address and category of school that is the subject of the proposal:

Cranbrook Primary School (Community), The Drive, Ilford IG1 3PS

Contact details during statutory representation period:

This is a four week consultation, which begins on Thursday 12 September 2019 and concludes at midday on Thursday 10 October 2019. Any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending representations to:

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Description of alteration and evidence of demand

The London Borough of Redbridge is proposing to establish an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) at Cranbrook Primary School for 12 additional pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), across Year 1 to Year 6 (2 places in each year group). Admission to this facility will be distinct from mainstream admission to the main school. As such, future arrangements for admissions to mainstream Reception Year places at the school will not be altered by this proposal.

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.

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.

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.

Objectives:

The proposed delivery of an ASD ARP at Cranbrook Primary School has the following objectives at its core:

1. To support the London Borough of Redbridge in delivering against its role in providing sufficient school places to meet local demand. These 12 additional ASD places will meet the needs of a key SEND growth area.
2. To broaden the Local Offer by providing more opportunity for children with SEND to attend a mainstream school with support, where appropriate. This will also augment the inclusivity agenda and, in enabling a more tailored offer to local pupils, potentially improve educational outcomes as well.
3. To promote parental preference, which (as set out above) clearly supports the expansion of SEND provision in mainstream settings.

Effect on other Educational Institutions

As mentioned above, there is an increasing demand for ASD ARP places within Redbridge. As this will be providing mainstream alternatives for SEND pupils, it is not anticipated that the provision will have a significant impact on other mainstream institutions within the local area. Rather, if implemented, it is expected that the proposed new provision would relieve some of the pressure on places currently faced by Hatton Special School.

Project Costs

The creation of the accommodation for the proposed ARP requires investment in converting three existing rooms within the school. The anticipated cost of the associated capital project is £55,000. The project cost will be funded through the London Borough of Redbridge's Special Provision Capital Fund, which is a capita grant allocation provided by the DfE specifically to finance the expansion of SEND provision.

The investment of this capital will support long-term value for money, by providing a broader range of appropriately resourced, local SEND provision for the Borough's pupils, thereby reducing the need to unduly rely on more costly placements out-of-Borough and/or in the non-maintained sector.

Implementation Plan

The London Borough of Redbridge has complied with all applicable statutory requirements in connection with this proposal. At the conclusion of the Notice period, if permission is granted by the Cabinet, the London Borough of Redbridge will implement the proposal.

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, with two additional places being offered in each subsequent Year 1 intake, with the total capacity of 12 places expected to be reached in September 2024. There will be no places available in Reception. Admission 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.

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