



SEND School Provision

Improving Special Educational Needs and
Disabilities (SEND) Provision in Derby



Derby City Council

Why are we improving our SEND provision?

Derby City Council is always looking to improve on how it delivers its services and to provide the best it can for vulnerable children in Derby.

Following very careful consideration and initial consultation with parent representatives, SEND partners and headteachers, proposals were developed to improve Derby's specialist provision for children and young people with SEND and to help support parents, carers and families. These proposals were then subject to a full consultation process.

The overall aim of the plan is to help ensure that children and young people attend a school most appropriate to their individual needs and that more places will be offered in local schools, near to the family home and the local community, wherever possible.

The main proposals relate to:

- Enhanced Resource School and Special School Placement Criteria.
- Ensuring specialist provision is relevant to current needs of children and young people in Derby.
- Improving SEND pupil pathways between primary and secondary Enhanced Resource Schools.
- Developing an Early Years Inclusion Fund for all Early Years providers.

It is important to note that no existing placements will be affected by the proposals. The proposals will be considered by Council Cabinet on Wednesday 10th October and, subject to approval, will take effect on a gradual basis, as set out in the timetable later in this leaflet.

What are the proposed changes for Derby's Specialist Provision?

Full details of the proposals are set out in the report to Council Cabinet, which can be accessed on Derby City Council's website. If you wish to read the report, please use the link below and go to Current Committees / Council Cabinet / 10 October 2018 and select the report on Improving SEND provision in Derby.

<http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/cmis5/>

In summary, the main SEND proposals for consideration by Council Cabinet are as follows:

Placement Criteria: Special Schools and Enhanced Resource Schools

Derby's Special School and Enhanced Resource School placement criteria updated from September 2019. The placement criteria will remain under review to ensure they continue to best meet the individual needs of children and young people with SEND.

Enhanced Resource School Places

Changes to the number of places in some of Derby's Enhanced Resource Schools. The number of places in each Enhanced Resource School will be reviewed annually to ensure that the capacity available meets with demand.

Enhanced Resource Schools: Pupil Pathways

To establish pupil pathways for Enhanced Resource Schools from September 2019. This is to provide an early indication to parents of where their child is likely to access secondary provision. It will also enable more formal links to be created between primary and secondary provision, to ensure that a pupil's transition from primary to secondary education is well managed and as smooth as possible. There will be flexibility and views of parents and carers will be carefully considered.

Special Schools: Pupil Pathways

To start looking at possible options for creating pupil pathways for Special Schools. This includes proposals to consider changing the age range of St Clare's School from a secondary special school to a primary special school.

Brackensdale Enhanced Resource Primary School

A change to the number of enhanced resource school places for Brackensdale Primary School to 28 places for pupils with communication and interaction needs from September 2019, with additional funding and financial protection to remain in place until March 2021 to help support the school.

Bemrose School (Primary Phase): Enhanced Resource School Provision for Pupils with Communication and Interaction Needs

To work in close partnership with The Bemrose School to establish 14 primary enhanced resource school places at the school for pupils with communication and interaction needs. The Bemrose School already offers secondary enhanced resource school places for pupils with communication and interaction needs.

Central Community Nursery School and Lord Street Nursery School

A reallocation of the funding provided to Central Community Nursery School and Lord Street Nursery School totalling £252,000, to a single Early Years Inclusion Fund. Nurseries and early years settings can make applications in order to provide additional support for children with SEND. This includes proposals to start carefully planning the de-commissioning of the current provision at Central Community Nursery School and Lord Street Nursery School.

Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) Provision

To identify alternative options for providing places for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. This includes proposals to start carefully planning the de-commissioning of the current Enhanced Resource School provision at Alvaston Junior School and Lees Brook School, with no further placements being made from September 2019. The Council will continue to fund places for pupils currently on roll as they move through the schools and discussions will take place with the schools in due course as part of transition planning arrangements.

Proposed Funding for Improving School Buildings

To start assessing whether work can take place to increase and improve school accommodation at Bemrose School and St. Clare's School, with a view to making estimated investment of around £7.2m across the two school buildings. The proposal is to help support the schools in meeting the individual needs of pupils with SEND, in view of the proposed changes to the placement criteria and number of commissioned places.

How will we support the changes?

Through the SEND funding banding changes, the Council has, overall, committed significant additional funding of £911,000 for our Special Schools and Enhanced Resource Schools over a three year period from April 2018. In addition, as part of the Council's ongoing commitment to improving SEND provision, exceptional needs funding has already been made available as further funding for children and young people with very high levels of need, which special schools are able to apply for. Alongside the SEND Specialist provision review, the Council has also developed a SEND Graduated Response Strategy. This Graduated Response Strategy provides support and clarity to mainstream schools on accommodating pupils with SEND and contributes towards the Council's commitment to strengthening inclusion within our city schools. This is also due to be considered by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 10 October.



When will the changes happen?

The timetable below sets out our proposed actions and timescales.

- **April 2018:**

Additional overall funding of £911,000 for Derby's Special Schools and Enhanced Resource Schools through the new SEND fund bandings.

- **March 2019:**

Proposals developed for Social, Emotional and Mental Health provision and proposals to de-commission current Enhanced Resource School provision at Alvaston Junior School and Lees Brook School.

- **September 2019:**

New placement criteria and Enhanced Resource School pathways implemented with the exception of the changes for Bemrose School, which require accommodation changes.

- **September 2020:**

To reallocate the funding provided to Central Community Nursery School to a single Early Years Inclusion Fund, including proposals to start planning the careful decommissioning of the Enhanced Resource School places at Central Community Nursery School and Lord Street Nursery School.

- **March 2021:**

Brackensdale ER Primary School – transitional funding arrangements in place until end of March 2021.

- **September 2021:**

Bemrose School primary Enhanced Resource School new accommodation for pupils with communication and interaction needs to open.

- **September 2021:**

St Clare's School new/ remodelled accommodation to open for September 2021 pupil intake.

Full details of all the proposals can be seen on the Council's website www.derby.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer

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