



PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE SEN PROVISION AT RUSHEY GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013/3110 that Lewisham Council intends to alter the SEN provision at Rushey Green Primary School (Culverley Road, London SE6 2LA) from a Centre for the Deaf Resource Base to a Resource Base catering for pupils with a primary need of Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (SEMH). The anticipated implementation date of this prescribed alteration is January 2023.

Name, address and contact details of proposer:

Lewisham Council, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London SE6 4RU

Name, address and category of school:

Rushey Green Primary School, Culverley Road, London SE6 2LA
This is a community school.

Background:

Rushey Green Primary School is a coeducational comprehensive primary school in Catford, Lewisham, with approximately 560 pupils.

The school has an established Centre for the Deaf resource base which is currently commissioned for 6 pupils. Currently there are only 3 pupils using the resource base, and there is another resource base for primary aged pupils in Cooper Lane Primary School.

Nationally the number of children that require a specialist provision via a Centre for the Deaf is falling and this is replicated within Lewisham. Meanwhile the number of children requiring other specialist provision is increasing.

As part of Lewisham's wider Special Educational Needs and Disability place planning we have been working with the school to look at altering the criteria for the resource provision, and the school are fully in support of this change.

Description of alteration, and demand:

The Council proposes that the SEN Resource Base provision at Rushey Green Primary School should change from a being a Centre for the Deaf to a resource base catering for pupils with a primary need of Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (SEMH) from January 2023, so as to ensure clarity for those applying for school places in September 2023.

Individuals that are currently within the Resource Base will have individual consultations as to whether they wish to stay within the school or move to Cooper's Lane Centre of the Deaf. However, the school are happy for those individuals to stay at the school and are committed to continuing to meet their needs.

The decision for this change has come from analysis of our data and the recognition that there is a changing need for specialist support of children with SEND, and is part of a wider piece of work that has seen additional resource bases being provided across the borough, in addition to expansions of our Special Schools.

Objectives:

The objective of the proposal is to ensure sufficiency of places offering the right level of support to students with a primary need of SEMH within the Borough.

This proposal forms part of Lewisham Council's response to the statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The alteration will allow the school to cater for up to 6 pupils within the Resource Base from January 2023.

Effect on other educational institutions in the area:

It is not anticipated that the proposed alteration will have any impact on other educational institutions within the local area. The proposal has been made to accommodate the changing needs of pupils with SEND within the borough that require additional support.

Project Costs:

It is not anticipated that there will be any material changes to the facilities required to enable this alteration.

Commenting on the proposal:

Within five weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (by 12 noon, 11 November 2022), any person may comment on, support, or object to the proposal in writing to Matt Henaughan, Head of Infrastructure, 2nd Floor Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London SE6 4RU, matt.henaughan@lewisham.gov.uk

Signed: Matt Henaughan, Head of Infrastructure, Children and Young People's Services

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