



Havering
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Consultation on the proposed establishment of a Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Unit at Suttons Primary School



Consultation on the proposal to create a Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) unit to cater for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.

Introduction

The London Borough of Havering's vision is for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and other additional needs, to enjoy their education in the most inclusive environment possible and be supported in participating as fully as they can in the lives of their schools and local community, throughout childhood and into adulthood.

The Council's High Needs Strategy 2017-22, sets out ambitious and realistic objectives to ensure Havering's provision is the first choice for children and young people with high needs and their families. It provides details of our local offer and the changes that will be implemented to ensure that the needs of children and young people with SEND are met.

The Strategy also recognises that children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs are increasing in numbers and will require specialist intervention supported in a SEND unit.

Background

One of the key changes proposed in the Havering High Needs Strategy 2017-2022 is the delivery of an on-going programme to create more SEND units in mainstream settings.

Our SEND projections show that we expect the number of primary school pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to increase as shown in the table below:

Academic year	Cognition and Learning	Communication and Interaction	SEMH	Sensory and/or Physical	Totals
2017/18	53	245	39	54	391
2018/19	64	281	50	57	452
2019/20	89	304	49	53	495
2020/21	122	357	71	55	605
2021/22	158	442	90	66	755
2022/23	190	487	116	68	861
2023/24	241	527	159	76	1002
2024/25	297	549	195	79	1120
2025/26	350	573	257	82	1263

We expect the number of primary pupils with SEMH to increase from 90 in 2021/22 to 257 in 2025/26.

Cabinet agreed at its meeting in September 2019, to establish two primary SEND units at existing primary schools, containing 12 places each in 2020/21 as part of the update to Phase 4 and Phase 5 expansion programme.

This document outlines the proposal to establish one of these SEND units at Suttons Primary School to help meet the growing number of pupils with SEND and specifically SEMH.

The Proposal

Havering Council is proposing to establish a specialist provision for a maximum of 12 pupils diagnosed with SEMH at Suttons Primary School; to be implemented in September 2023, if approved.

Suttons Primary School is a good 2FE primary school with 420 places in years Reception to Year 6. The school caters for children with an age range of 2-11 years and is considered by the Local Authority as the most appropriate location for a SEND unit to be sited.

The SEND unit at Suttons Primary School will meet the needs of pupils with an EHCP of, SEMH whose needs are not severe enough to require a place at a special school but who will require spending significant proportions of their time in the SEND unit. The proposed SEND unit will enable these pupils to have their additional needs met while accessing education at a mainstream primary school through a flexible approach tailored and adapted to their needs.

The establishment of an SEND unit at Suttons will build on the good education already being delivered at this school and will further enhance the education offer, the school provides to the community.

The proposal for the SEND unit at Suttons is to be sited within an underused parcel of land on the Suttons Primary School site, opposite the school building, across the access driveway. The designated unit will be surrounded by a secure fence line, incorporating also a secure visitors' yard and a secured garden for external play.

The proposed architectural design, which is subject to the statutory planning review, is for a stand-alone, single storey block. The building is designed to incorporate a saw-tooth profile, which will offer plenty of natural light and ventilation to the teaching areas. The unit will comprise three class rooms, a heart space, a calm room, an activity room, staff facilities, toilets, and all circulation and ancillary spaces as required. The building will also be provided with ample canopies for external play and teaching.

The external areas will be landscaped to offer an enclosed, dedicated play garden for the use of the pupils, surrounded with a hedgerow, provided with planting, and with a raised bed area. External hardstanding play space will also be formed.





What will be the impact of the new facility on other pupils in the school?

We expect the new facility would have a positive impact on provision at the school. Specialist staff would work with pupils in the new facility and also work with teaching staff across the school to develop skills and expertise in responding to SEND needs and creating an inclusive environment.

Admission and Pupil Numbers

Admissions to the SEND unit will follow a different procedure from that operating for the rest of the school. Admissions into the SEND unit will be through the Havering SEND panel process. This will not impact on pupils who are in the mainstream setting at the school.

Pupils attending the SEND unit would be in addition to the mainstream Planned Admission Number (PAN) of 60. There would be 12 planned places in the SEND unit increasing the total capacity of 420 pupils to 432.

Funding

SEND units in Havering will be normally funded in accordance with a Place Led Funding approach that complies with the Government's SEND Funding Reforms which came into effect in April 2018.

For each place in the SEND unit, Suttons Primary School will receive £20,726. This is made up of £10,000 'place funding' and £10,726 (2022/23 rate) 'top-up funding'.

What happens next?

This is an opportunity to express your views and ask questions regarding the proposal to create a SEND unit at Suttons Primary School during the pre-statutory consultation period.

The pre-statutory consultation period starts on **Monday 21 March 2022** and will close on **Monday 02 May 2022**.

A Parents' consultation meeting on the proposal will be held at the school on **29th March 2022 via Zoom**.

A separate planning consultation will take place to consider build and design.

All responses will be considered after the consultation ends on **Monday 02 May 2022**. If the Council then decides to proceed to the statutory stage of the process, it will publish a statutory notice and other information in **June 2022**, followed by a four week 'representation period' during which there will be a final chance to express views. Subject to the outcome of the representation period, the Council intends to make a final decision on the proposal by **August 2022** for implementation from **September 2023**.

Statutory timeline

Where there is a need to apply the statutory process to increase the capacity of a primary school the following timescale will be adopted.

Key Milestones	Date
Pre-statutory consultation period	21 March – 02 May 2022
Parent/Stakeholder Consultation meeting via Zoom	29th March 2022
Statutory Stage 1 – Publication of Statutory Notices	June 2022
Statutory Stage 2 – Representation Period	4 weeks following the date of the statutory notice publication
Statutory Stage 3 - Decision on proposals by the Local Authority	August 2022
Statutory Stage 4 - Implementation	September 2023

Have your say

You can state whether you support this proposal or not by completing the consultation questionnaire online by clicking on the link below;

<https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/education/suttons-primary-school>

If you have any other questions regarding this proposal, please call Pooneeta Mahadeo; School Organisation Manager on 01708 431092 or email; pooneeta.mahadeo@havering.gov.uk.

This consultation document is being sent electronically to all parents/carers, governors, teachers and support staff of Suttons Primary School.

Electronic copies are also being sent to all the borough schools including special schools, ward members, MPs, Church Dioceses, all Early Years provision, community groups, unions and other stakeholders.

A hard copy of this document and/or information in different format/language can also be made available on request by contacting Kimberley Browne on 01708 431151 or email kimberley.browne@havering.gov.uk.