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Proposal to open a Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) Unit at Charville Academy School from September 2023

Introduction

- Charville Academy is a primary Academy in the London Borough of Hillingdon for pupils aged 3 - 11. It has a ‘Good’ rating from Ofsted from the most recent inspection in April 2017. The school has a Reception year published admission number (PAN) of 90 and this is reducing to 60 with effect from September 2023.
- An Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) Unit can be defined as ‘a mainstream school teaching space where places are reserved for children who have a specific type of SEND which requires an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), and who are taught mainly within mainstream classes, but require a base and some specialist facilities within, the school concerned’.

The Proposal

- To establish an SRP Unit for children requiring additional support for Autism (ASD) at Charville Academy
- The SRP will build up its pupil numbers over a time frame (to be confirmed with the local authority), up to a capacity of 16 children
Children will have an EHCP, and will be admitted in addition to the schools PAN.
- All pupils will be on the school roll of Charville Academy
- The SRP will be located in specialist, dedicated accommodation within the Charville Academy building. This will consist of dedicated classrooms, a therapy room and external space. The school has identified an area of its site that can be used for this facility without a negative effect on its current educational offer, and any future increase to be fully subscribed in all year groups.
- The SRP will have a member of staff designated as the SRP leader. The structure of the staff will develop as the unit grows. Ultimately the management and responsibility will lie with the Headteacher.
- The governors of Charville Academy will have oversight of the SRP.

Rationale

- In the local authority of Hillingdon there is a rising number of children with an EHCP which specifies Autism (ASD).
- Current provision within the local authority requires expansion to ensure the needs of these children are fully met.



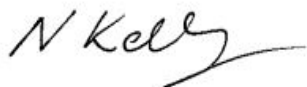
Finance and Resourcing

- The capital funding required to convert some of the school's existing accommodation for this purpose will be entirely provided from an allocation of funding which the local authority has received as High Needs Capital Funding.
- The local authority will then provide on-going revenue funding to pay for the costs of staffing and resourcing the SRP through top up funding for each student place.
- Charville Academy will recruit additional staff for the SRP, using this funding.
- The specialist staff employed to lead the SRP will also provide CPD to the school's overall staffing and will help to provide additional expertise to enable all staff to provide the best, inclusive education to pupils in the school.

Consultation, approvals and timescales

- The proposal is that the SRP opens at Charville Academy on 1 September 2023. The proposed change requires a period of consultation, the publication of Statutory Notices and the agreement of the local authority if the proposal is to proceed.
- The consultation will open on Monday 5th September 2022 and will close midday 3rd October 2022. During this period, Charville Academy will publish a Statutory Notice and share its proposals with local schools including head teachers and chairs of governors, partner agencies, local residents and with the staff and parents of Charville Academy.
- The consultation will include a dedicated postal address and email address for comments.
- Following the consultation process, the feedback will be summarised as part of feedback to the local authority and the governing board.

Yours sincerely



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