



Hillingdon Council - School Place Planning Consultation

Specialist Assessment Base and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) at Ruislip Gardens Primary School

Summary

1. Hillingdon Council proposes to open a Specialist Assessment Base and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) at Ruislip Gardens Primary School to be located within Ruislip Gardens Primary School to open in September 2023. This has been discussed in detail with the school and agreed by the Governors. Ruislip Gardens Primary School has been rated 'Good' by Ofsted since 2019.
2. There will be 16 full time places for pupils in the Specialist Assessment Base. This will be to assess and support children aged 3-5 with additional needs and/ or disability.
3. There will be 12 places for pupils with ASD in the SRP.
4. The students within the provision will predominantly access teaching sessions in the Resource Base with some supported mainstream class provision following individualised programme to meet their needs outlined in their Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Each session within the SRP will be taught by a Specialist Teacher or a Trained Learning Support Assistant. These groups will have a high level of staff to pupil ratio.
5. The Assessment base and the SRP will be located within the main school building. All pupils placed within the SRP by Hillingdon Council will have an EHCP specifying the school's SRP as the appropriate provision to meet their individual needs. Placements will be made by Hillingdon Council following consideration at the SEND panel, a multi-disciplinary panel consisting of education, health and social care professionals, ensuring that the SRP will meet appropriate needs.

Rationale

6. There is high demand for specialist ASD provision in mainstream primary schools. The Assessment Base will meet the demand for specialist teaching and further diagnosis of the young children aged 3 – 5 who clearly have additional needs but may not have one obvious need. The pupils will be assessed to plan the best future education provision to meet their needs.
7. The SRP will enable some of the pupils from the Assessment Base to continue in the mainstream school from the age of 5. They will benefit from some time in mainstream

classes and also some in individual support and small groups with specialists in the SRP base rooms.

Pupil Placement

8. Pupils attending the SRP would be in addition to the mainstream Published Admission Number (PAN) of the school, as their school day would be split between mainstream classes and the SRP. Some pupils may spend more time in the SRP than others and it would be the responsibility of the school to manage the specialist offer and inclusion levels in partnership with the parents and in line with the outcomes outlined in their EHCPs.
9. School places are allocated in accordance with the Children and Families Act 2014, which requires the Local Authority to take into account the child's special educational needs, parental request for schools, and the formal view of the schools requested before making a decision. Places will be allocated based on parental requests wherever possible, unless:
 - a. the school is unsuitable for the child's age, ability, aptitude or SEN
 - b. the placement would be incompatible with the efficient education of the other children with whom your child would be educated,
 - c. the placement would be incompatible with the efficient use of resources.
10. More detailed document on SEND admissions processes for referrals for Special provision will be added to the Hillingdon Council website.

Finance and Resourcing

11. This will be the first Specialist Assessment Base to open in a Hillingdon mainstream school and the Council is committed to it being a beacon of good practice and is finalising with the school the appropriate level of funding. In addition to the fitting out of the Assessment Base there will be some funding for preparing the new Assessment Base and new staff, in the term before it opens.
12. For the SRP Core funding (Element 1) for each pupil on roll will be funded through the schools funding formula (AWPU plus other formula factors). In addition, each pupil will attract £6,000 Element 2 funding through the High Needs Block. Top-up funding (Element 3) will then be allocated based on the needs of each pupil and will be funded in line with the LBH Banded Funding model.
13. For the Specialist Assessment Base each commissioned place will be funded at £10,000 (Element 1 & 2 funding) through the High Needs block. Top-up funding (Element 3) will then be allocated based on the needs of each pupil and will be funded in line with the LBH Banded Funding model.
14. Hillingdon Council will be commissioning the places in this Specialist Assessment Base and SRP to open in September 2023 and will be consulting for 4 weeks from Wednesday 15th June 2022 until Friday 15th July 2022.

How to respond to the consultation

We welcome your feedback. If you would like to make any comments or suggestions in response to the consultation, please complete the online questionnaire by visiting the consultation page www.hillingdon.gov.uk/consultation or by emailing education@hillington.gov.uk.

If you have any questions that have not been covered in the consultation document or that are specific to your circumstances and you would like to discuss, please email education@hillington.gov.uk or call 01895 250063.

Or, you can submit a written response to:

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