

London Borough of Ealing Statutory Notice for a proposal to increase the capacity of St Ann's School to 128 places.

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 London Borough of Ealing intends to make prescribed alterations to St Ann's Maintained Special School, Springfield Rd, London W7 3JP from 1st September 2023.

The London Borough of Ealing proposes to increase the capacity of the school to 128 places, from the current capacity of 105 students. The proposal has been prompted by a further significant rise in pupils born in the last 10 years seeking special school places in the borough. St Ann's is a Local Authority maintained secondary special school for students aged 11 to 19, with life-long, complex, profound to severe learning difficulties. There are three distinct cohorts of students those with complex Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD), those with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) and those with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in addition to profound to severe learning difficulties.

The increase would be phased over five years starting with additional places in Year 7 in 2023 and each subsequent Year 7 intake until in 2028 when the school would on average have 16 students in each year group, year 7 to year 14. In order to accommodate the larger intake, more classrooms and specialist support spaces would be required. This would require investment in the existing buildings and some new build extensions. Funding would be from the Council's Capital Programme for SEN places. The implementation of this expansion would enable more local children to access local special school provision.

It is not anticipated that the proposed changes to St Ann's Maintained Special School would have any impact on other educational facilities within the local area. The proposal has been made to accommodate increased demand for specialist places. Admissions to St Ann's Maintained Special School would continue to be coordinated by the Local Authority, based on the needs set out in a pupil's Education, Health and Care Plan.

OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS ON THESE PROPOSALS

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Laurence Field, Programme Manager, Perceval House 3/SE/2, 14/16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL, or emailing FieldL@ealing.gov.uk.

Within four weeks (by 21st June 2023) from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Laurence Field Programme Manager, Perceval House 3/SE/2, 14/16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL, or emailing FieldL@ealing.gov.uk.

Signed:

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