

PROPOSAL TO PERMANENTLY ESTABLISH A SPECIALIST RESOURCED PROVISION (SRP) AT ACTON GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

This proposal is to permanently establish a Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP) at Acton Gardens Primary School for up to 36 pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan aged 4 to 11 (pupils will be admitted incrementally from 2027).

This proposal is made by Ealing Council. Details: Laurence Field – Head of Education Infrastructure and Commercial Services, Perceval House 3/SE/4, 14/16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL, FieldL@ealing.gov.uk.

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SCHOOL DETAILS

Acton Gardens Primary School is a primary school situated in 232 Osborne Rd, London W3 8SR. The school has capacity for 420 pupils, with a Published Admission Number of 60 pupils per year group to be admitted into Reception. In January 2026 the school had 336 pupils on roll (Reception to Year 6) plus 14 in the nursery.

The school was judged as ‘Good’ across all categories by Ofsted through a full inspection in May 2025.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ALTERATION AND EVIDENCE OF DEMAND

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 Ealing Council intends to make the following prescribed alteration to Acton Gardens Primary School with effect from 1st September 2027:

- permanently establish a Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP) for up to 36 pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan aged 4 to 11.

The opening of the SRP reflects:

1. The overall number of children and young people (age 0-25) in the London Borough of Ealing with Education Health and Care plans (EHCPs) increased by 920 plans (29%) between January 2022 and January 2025 to 4,039, in line with national and London trends. The council saw a 9% increase in plans during 2024.
2. Since 2018, the prevalence of pupils aged 3-24 requiring an EHCP in Ealing has increased from 2.3% to 4.0% in January 2025. The number of primary age plans continues to rise, despite a now falling primary age population. If prevalence continues to increase at the current rate, the number of plans could increase to over 5,000 plans by 2028-29.
3. While the early intervention and mainstream inclusion priorities set out in Ealing’s Strategy for Additional and Special Education Needs, Disabilities and Inclusion 2023-2027 are key to reducing demand over time, up to a further 500 additional specialist places could be needed by 2028 (compared to 2022 baseline) if the current rising trend

in EHCP prevalence continues. The main need profile required is for severe learning difficulties and speech language and communication needs, including autism.

4. The number of specialist places available in Ealing special schools and resourced provisions within mainstream schools has increased by 201 (16%) from 1,258 in September 2022 to 1,459 in September 2025. The current delivery plan includes satellites and/or expansions of existing special schools, and further SRPs in mainstream schools, of which Acton Gardens Primary School is proposed to provide one through its remodelling project.

The proposed SRP will require investment in the school buildings and be delivered by Ealing Council at the Acton Gardens Primary School site.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ALTERATION

As the strategic commissioner of school provision, the Council has a duty to ensure sufficient school places and also seeks to ensure educationally and financially sustainable provision.

The objective of the alteration is to permanently establish a Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) for up to 36 pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan aged 4 to 11. The proposal is in response to increased demand for specialist resource provision places.

CONSULTATION

The following people were sent copies of the consultation letter (Appendix 1) and how to respond, and had from Monday 12 January 2026 until Friday 13 February 2026 to reply:

- Governors at the school
- Pupils and their families, teachers and other staff at the school
- All schools in Ealing via the Ealing Grid for Learning (EGfL) information portal
- Ward Councillors
- Local MPs, including those MPs whose constituents may be affected by the proposals
- The consultation letter was also made available on the school's website.

The Local Authority had meetings with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team at the school prior to the commencement of the consultation.

Consultation events took place at Acton Gardens Primary School on 28 January 2026. Feedback was sought from attendees through the feedback form attached to the consultation letter.

Feedback from respondents

There were 48 responses (28 parents/carers, 12 members of staff, 1 member of public, 7 from representatives of organisations) to the survey related to the public consultation.

48 responses were received to the question “**I support the proposal**”. Of the 48 responses received, 44 of these agreed or strongly agreed they were in support of the proposal, 1 was neutral, and 3 expressed disagreeing or strongly disagreeing.

48 responses were received to the question “**The proposal would help meet the need for this type of provision**”. Of these, 44 agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, 2 were neutral, and 2 expressed disagreement or strong disagreement with the statement.

48 responses were received to the question “**The proposal would further develop inclusive education for pupils with SEN**”. Of these, 44 agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, 2 were neutral, and 2 expressed disagreement or strong disagreement with the statement.

A further response was received by email from a ward councillor in support of the proposal.

After considering the responses to the consultation the school and the council decided that this statutory proposal should be published, following a decision by the Council’s Cabinet, on 18 September 2024.

THE EFFECT ON OTHER SCHOOLS, ACADEMIES AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE AREA

The establishment of the Acton Gardens Primary School SRP is not expected to have a negative effect upon any other educational institution. The provision creates primary phase specialist places which, along with existing and other planned primary and secondary provisions, forms part of the council’s plan to continue to close the remaining actual and projected gap between the number of places available and the demand for these.

PROJECT COSTS AND INDICATION OF HOW THESE WILL BE MET, INCLUDING HOW LONG-TERM VALUE FOR MONEY WILL BE ACHIEVED

The cost for works at the site to accommodate the 36 pupils is estimated at £1 million. Funding will be from the council’s capital programme for special needs places. The implementation of the provision is anticipated to assist with containing costs within the High Needs budget.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Should the Ealing Council’s Cabinet approve the proposal, it would be implemented on 01 September 2027.

THE PROCEDURE FOR RESPONSES

A public notice was published in the West London Gazette newspaper on 22 April 2026. A copy of the public notice is displayed at all main entrances to the school. The notice and this full proposal are also available on the Ealing Council website: [Consultations | Ealing Council](#).

Within four weeks from the date of publication, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Laurence Field, Head of Education Infrastructure and Commercial Services, Perceval House 3/SE/4, 14/16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL, or emailing FieldL@ealing.gov.uk. The final date for receiving written representations is 20 May 2026.

It is anticipated that Ealing Cabinet will make the decision about this proposal at its meeting in July 2026.