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18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Stakeholder

### **Proposal to establish 18 part-time specialist nursery places at Riverside School from January 2018**

The London Borough of Bromley continues to explore ways of delivering high quality services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The Borough want to enable children and families to remain in their local communities and be educated in local special schools with properly equipped facilities and specialist staff.

There is a significant rise in demand for SEND places both in Bromley and nationally. As well as a programme of building and enlarging specialist schools and mainstream schools there is a need to ensure those with very complex needs are identified early and interventions follow accordingly.

Riverside School currently provides specialist education for children with complex learning needs between the ages of 4 and 19. The school has specialist staff, facilities and resources to meet a wide range of complex needs, along with accompanying multi-agency support.

The London Borough of Bromley is proposing to increase provision in the school to provide up to 18 part-time places for nursery age children with complex needs (from the age of three years old). This will enable them to access appropriate resources and interventions at the earliest possible stage in their school lives. It is anticipated that following assessment these children would be likely to require a special school in order to meet their needs. The consultation information is on the Local Offer website link; <https://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/riversidenursery2017>

You are warmly invited to attend a public consultation meeting to consider the proposal at:-

**Riverside School, Main Road, St. Paul's Cray, Orpington, Kent, BR5 3HS**

on the following dates and times:-

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**

The meeting will be open to parents, carers, staff and members of the public who are interested in finding out more about the proposal.

Written consultation responses and questions are also welcome. Representations during the consultation period can be made in writing to:-

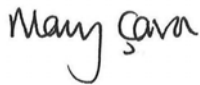
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or by email to [senadmin@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:senadmin@bromley.gov.uk) by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**.

Following the end of the consultation the information will be compiled and taken to the Portfolio Holder for Education to consider all comments before deciding whether to progress to the next stage.

Many thanks for your interest in the proposal

Yours sincerely



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