

**SECTION 19 (1) OF THE EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS
ACT 2006 and the SCHOOL ORGANISATION
(PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS TO MAINTAINED
SCHOOLS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

**PROPOSED ALTERATION OF AGE RANGE AT RIVERSIDE
SCHOOL**

1. School and LA details

Proposer: London Borough of Bromley

School: Riverside School

Main Road
St Paul's Cray
Orpington
BR5 3HS

Hayne Road
Beckenham
BR3 4HY

This is a Community Special School

2. Description of alteration

The London Borough of Bromley is proposing to lower the age range at the school to provide up to 8 FTE places for nursery age children with complex needs (from the age of three years old).

This change will increase the capacity of the school from 251 to 259.

3. Evidence of demand

Two externally commissioned service reviews took place in 2014 and in 2016 both of which identified limited school provision for pre-school children with profound and complex SEND. The latter report noted the importance of reviewing the Early Years specialist educational needs provision. A detailed place planning exercise took place in September 2016 which highlighted the level of complexity of pre-school children and the need to secure specialist school provision for these highly complex children.

4. Objectives

Currently there is no formal specialist early years school setting for children with profound and complex Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) in Bromley.

The new provision will provide children with profound and complex needs specialist early years school provision which is unavailable in borough.

5. The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

There are four special schools in Bromley, two of these schools have the age range and curriculum suitable to extend to deliver nursery provision. These are Riverside School and Marjorie McClure School. Both schools were considered but only Riverside has the available space required, and also has the most appropriate provision for children with profound learning difficulties.

6. Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved

The expansion of places will be funded through realignment of the Dedicated Schools Grant, (DSG) High Needs Block. The scheme requires no capital investment as the nursery places will be taught as part of an early years foundation classes with reception pupils.

7. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

It is proposed that Riverside would admit the first nursery class on Monday 16th April 2018.

8. Objections and comments

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to, or make comment upon the proposals, by sending their representations to:

Ade Adetosoye, Director of Children's Services (FAO: Robert Bollen, Head of Strategic Place Planning), London Borough of Bromley, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley BR1 3UH, or by emailing:

school.organisation@bromley.gov.uk

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