

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

**PROPOSED EXPANSION OF RIVERSIDE SCHOOL ONTO A
SATELLITE SITE**

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
Proposed new additional site	
Hawes Down Centre Hawes Lane West Wickham BR4 9AE	
This is a Community Special School	

2. Description of alteration

<p>The London Borough of Bromley is proposing to expand Riverside School onto a new site. Currently the school has insufficient capacity to meet local need on its 2 existing sites. The central administration of the school will remain at the school's Orpington site. Staff will be employed to work across the school's 3 premises and all sites will share a single leadership team and governing body. The Hawes Down Centre includes specialist facilities including sensory and soft play areas.</p> <p>This change will increase the capacity of the school from 259 to 319.</p>
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3. Evidence of demand

Since 2018 there has been a 28.5% increase in the number of Education, Health and Care Plans issued in Bromley against a projected increase of 7% across the 4 years from 2018 to 2022. A key gap in provision is the shortage of places for pupils with a diagnosis of Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) or Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD). Currently there is a need for an additional 26 places primary aged PMLD and SLD at special school places required in September 2020, with a similar number needed in September 2021.

The Council needs to take action to ensure that children with an EHC plan who require this type of provision are able to access an appropriate school place in September 2020 and beyond.

4. Objectives

The proposal will assist the Council to ensure it meets its statutory obligations with regards ensuring appropriate provision for children with an Education Health and Care plan.

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

There are four special schools in Bromley. Riverside School has the most appropriate provision for the children identified. The proposal will not affect the need for places at other local schools.

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 the Dedicated Schools Grant, (DSG) High Needs Block. The scheme requires capital support and this will be provided from a combination of Special Provision Capital Grant and Basic Need Capital Grant.

7. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

It is proposed that Riverside would admit the first pupils to the new places on Monday 7th September 2020.

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:

Janet Bailey, 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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