

# **Proposal to add primary age key stage provision for complex PMLD, SLD and autism at Charlton Park Academy, with effect from September 2018.**

## **Statutory Consultation**

### **Introduction**

- 1 The Royal Borough of Greenwich has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places for all residents who apply for one, and to make appropriate provision for children and young people with special educational needs.
- 2 As part of the Council's strategy to ensure there is a sufficient range of provision for pupils with special educational needs, Charlton Park Academy is consulting on a proposal to provide additional primary age key stage specialist provision at Charlton Park Academy, for up to 40 pupils with neurological, severe cognition, profound and multiple learning difficulties, or autism needs.
- 3 This is a statutory consultation in accordance with the provisions of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools)(England) Regulations 2013, and associated guidance.

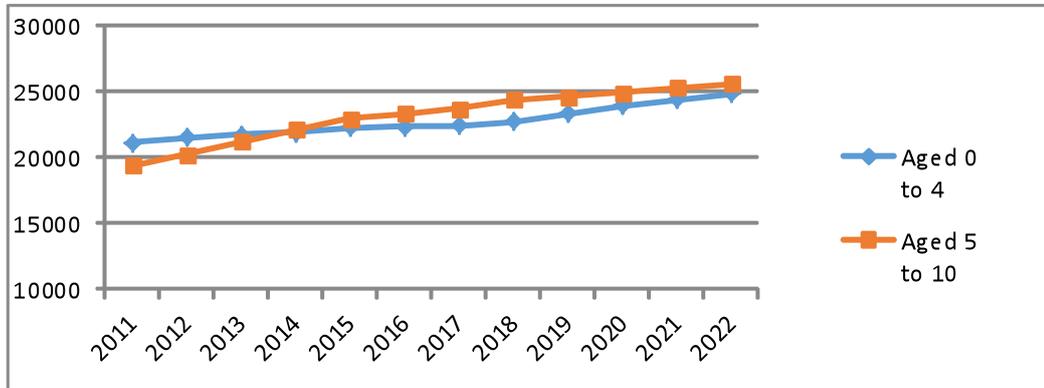
### **Proposal**

4. Charlton Park Academy already provides secondary special school provision for pupils with severe learning difficulty, complex needs including medical conditions, profound and multiple learning difficulties and autistic needs. This proposal would provide a range of choices for parents of primary age children, in conjunction to the current range of local providers.
5. The proposal would not adversely affect the operation of the current school nor adversely impact other schools, as it would contribute to a wider strategy to meet growing needs for specialist provider SEN places within the borough. Primary aged pupils would have a bespoke part of the school site and utilize play and eating areas at different times to secondary pupils. Hygiene facilities would be adapted as required. Many staff are primary trained already and have early years skills and knowledge.
6. Admission to the proposed provision will be determined by the Academy panel with LA SEN Admissions Panel taking into account the ability of the provision to meet the needs of a child, the child's Education, Health and Care plan, and reports from parents and professionals. The proposal would widen the admission criteria to the school to include pupils with primary aged pupils.

### **Context**

7. The table below shows actual and forecast growth of the population aged 0 to 4, and 5 to 10. As the population increases over time, then it is expected that the provision of places for both mainstream and special needs places needs to grow too in order to keep pace.

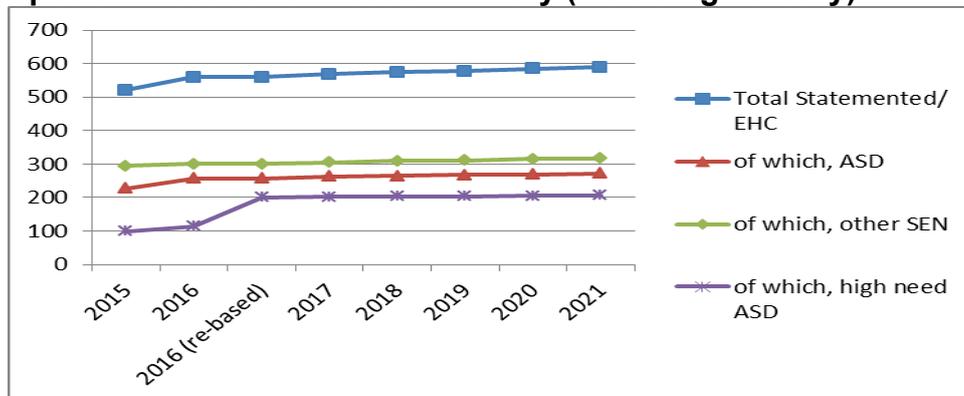
**Royal Greenwich Population of young people 2012- 2022**



Source: Greater London Authority

8. In line with the rising population, the number of children attending Royal Greenwich schools who have an Education and Health Care (EHC) Plan has been rising. Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) continues to be the prevalent primary need for pupils with an EHC Plan; currently around 40% of primary need is ASD.
9. Assuming that the proportion of children with special educational needs or disabilities in the overall child population remains the same (overall around 3%), the predicted future need for primary aged pupils is set out below. In the table an adjustment has been made to the 2016 data to reflect the pressure for specialist ASD provision.

**Special Educational Needs: Primary (including nursery)**



Note: '2016 (re-based)' reflects adjustments to 2016 data to better reflect the pressure for high need places.

10. To meet this need there are currently 242 primary (inc nursery) phase special school places within the borough, and a further 100 Designated Specialist Provision (DSP) places in seven mainstream schools. Pupils with special

education needs in mainstream schools, but who are not attached to a DSP, may also receive additional support according to their need. The June 2017 “School Place Planning and Capital Programme 2017/18 – 2019/20” report concluded that the borough would need, at the primary phase, around 100 additional specialist ASD places by 2021. This proposal, together with other measures being taken across the borough, will help to ensure that going forward the borough will have the right balance of provision in place to meet the needs of pupils.

### **Funding the capital works**

11. The Charlton Park Academy Trust would fund the project from within its available resources for investment. The cost of the proposal is expected to be in the region of £10,000.

### **Statutory Consultation period - tell us your views**

12. The statutory consultation will run from 17<sup>th</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Within this period any person may object to, support or comment on the proposal by:

Email: [dmcneil@charltonparkacademy.co.uk](mailto:dmcneil@charltonparkacademy.co.uk)

or, by post to:

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Charlton Park Academy Trust

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Notice is given that the Charlton Park Academy Trust intends to make a prescribed alteration to Charlton Park Academy, a special academy, for widening our age range to include primary aged pupils as part of our specialist SEN provision for up to 40 pupils with medical, neurological, severe, or profound and multiple learning difficulties, or autism needs with effect from 1 September 2018.

This proposal would not affect existing provision or admission arrangements, which are via the Academy directly as its own admissions authority, other than that pupils of primary age with high needs will be considered for admission to the school. Facilities will be adapted to meet needs of pupils admitted.

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The last day of the consultation period will be 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018.