

George Green's School Statutory Notice

Introduction

On Wednesday 22nd June 2022, George Green's Governing Body, with Tower Hamlets Local Authority support, approved the recommendation to publish a **Statutory Notice** on the proposal to make a prescribed alteration to George Green's School. This recommendation was agreed by Tower Hamlets Council at a Cabinet Meeting on 1st August 2022.

Proposal for a prescribed alteration to George Green's School as follows ;

- **To change the designation of the existing George Green's specialist resource from Complex Needs to Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)**
- **To increase the total number of places from 15 to 20**

Notice is given in accordance with Section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Tower Hamlets local authority will decide whether to:

- **Change the designation of the existing George Green's specialist resource from Complex Needs to Autistic spectrum Condition (ASC)**
- **Increase the total number of places from 15 to 20**

This will be established following the implementation of the Tower Hamlets SEND Strategy.

Contact details

Name and address of school publishing the proposal, with Local Authority support:

George Green's School, 100 Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs, London, E14 3DW

Name, address and category of school making prescribed alteration:

George Green's School is an 11-19 Secondary School. Address above

Implementation

Date on which it is proposed to establish the SRP - ASC provision and increase the number of pupils within the provision:

January 1st 2023.

Reason for Establishing SRP - ASC

The governing body of George Green's School, in partnership with Tower Hamlets Local Authority, has expressed an interest and been accepted, to develop proposals to address the Tower Hamlets Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy. To achieve this a prescribed alteration is necessary for George Green's School to change the current designation of its existing specialist provision from Physical Disabilities/Complex Needs to Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC).

The council's education policy is to move towards integrated specialist provision, where appropriate and matched to pupils needs. The Local Authority SEND review made clear that the following aspects of current provision needed alteration:

- There is currently no specialist ASC "high functioning" secondary provision in Tower Hamlets
- Research suggests that some children may have been mis-diagnosed and mis-placed in Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) provision because there was no suitable ASC provision.
- It is essential that children with ASC needs are able to access mainstream provision alongside specialist support to ensure their academic achievement is in line with their potential.

George Green's School have worked with the Local Authority to develop a proposal that will assist in further addressing these issues by providing improved, inclusive support for children of secondary school age with autistic spectrum condition in Tower Hamlets.

Pupil Numbers and Admissions

The numbers for whom provision is currently made at the school:

George Green's is a co-educational mainstream Secondary School for pupils aged eleven to eighteen. The main school has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 210 for each of Years 7-11. It is additionally funded for a specialist provision of up to 15 pupils aged 11-18.

There is currently no proposal to amend the PAN for the main school. However, it is proposed to increase the number of places assigned to the specialist provision from 15 to 20. The number of pupils within the resourced provision will not increase the overall PAN of the school.

Displaced Pupils

No pupils currently enrolled with the George Green's specialist provision will be displaced as a result of these proposals. The changeover from Complex Needs to ASC provision will be phased in so as to ensure pupils already enrolled at the school

can continue to receive support appropriate to their specific needs through to the end of their schooling.

Impact on the Community

The proposal would improve provision for the Tower Hamlets community in line with the Tower Hamlets SEND Strategy. Therefore, it is not anticipated that there will be any adverse impact on the community, rather that the Tower Hamlets community will benefit from enhanced provision.

Rural Primary Schools

Not applicable

Balance of Denominational Provision

Not applicable

Nursery Provision

Not applicable

Sixth Form Provision

Not applicable

Special Educational Needs Provision

As at the January 2022 census there were 79 pupils on roll at George Green's School who have an Educational Health and Care Plan. Of these, 15 were enrolled specifically into the school's specialist provision. Redesignating the specialist provision for ASC – whilst at the same time increasing the total number of places within the specialist provision funded by the local authority from 15 to 20 - will significantly assist in addressing the Tower Hamlets SEND Strategy.

From January 2023, the school will be in a position to begin receiving into its specialist provision pupils with EHCP plans identifying ASC needs – initially mainly into Key stage 3 but steadily increasing over time to provide places for up to 20 pupils across the whole secondary age range.

Travel

Any child living more than 3 miles from the school would have access to Local Authority Travel support and EHCPs naming the provision would give due consideration to travel needs.

Finances

If the changes are made, the Local Authority would commission provision through a Service Level Agreement. Funding would be to George Green's School.

Procedure for Making Representations (objections and comments)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this statutory notice, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by:

Email: ripton@georgegreens.com
cc school.organisation@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Post: **George Green's School**, 100 Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs, London, E14 3DW

Or School Organisation and Place Planning Manager
Pupil Services and School Sufficiency
Tower Hamlets Children's Services
Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, E14 5BG

George Green's parents and school staff will also be given the opportunity to attend virtual meetings during the Statutory Notice period.

Closing date for responses is 5pm, Friday 30th September 2022.

We will not be able to consider any responses received after this date. A report considering all responses received during the representation period will be published on the Council's website in December 2022, as part of papers to Cabinet. The report will also be available on the school's website.

The website addresses are

<https://www.georgegreens.com/>

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