

## **Consultation about establishing a Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP) for students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) with Autism / speech, language and communication and associated learning needs at Brentside High School**

Ealing Council and the Governing Body of Brentside High School want to hear your views about whether to establish a Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP) for students with Autism / speech, language and communication and associated learning needs at Brentside High School. The provision would support up to 30 students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that meet the admissions guidance for this type of provision. The consultation will end on Thursday, 02 April 2026. This document provides more detail about why this is being proposed and how to respond.

### **What is being proposed?**

This consultation is about whether to establish a Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP) for students with Autism / speech, language and communication needs at Brentside High School that would support up to 30 students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The proposed provision would be based in an adapted space on the existing school site. It would provide a secondary option for pupils that currently attend a primary SRP and need a similar provision for their secondary education.

If the proposal proceeds, Brentside High School would continue to be a secondary school for students aged 11 – 16 (from Year 6 to Year 11). The Published Admission Number (PAN) each year would be 224.

There would be up to 30 places in total within the SRP for students in Year 7 to Year 11. All students within the SRP would have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that includes a primary need of Autism / speech language and communication needs and who require a specialist provision to access learning and make good progress. Admission to the SRP would be determined by the Local Authority through their specialist place planning process, not directly by the school.

The SRP would be expected to open in September 2027 with a smaller number of students. This provides time to complete the necessary building works, recruit staff, and welcome the first students effectively. The SRP would then build up its student numbers over time to its capacity of 30 students.

### **What is a Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP)?**

A Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) provides a high level of specialist support to students who need this type of provision to meet their needs and support them to make good progress. Depending on individual needs, students would spend some of their time in the specialist classrooms, and some of their time in mainstream classes and activities where appropriate to their needs and supported by specialist staff where needed. The amount of time and which lessons and activities that each student spends in the mainstream will be determined by provision staff on an individual basis in collaboration with other school staff and will be reviewed regularly.

## **Why is this being proposed?**

Ealing Council is committed to ensuring that it can make suitable and effective provision in the borough for all its children, including those with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND). In common with many local authorities, Ealing continues to see an increase in the number of students who have special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND).

This proposal seeks to address these increases through the further development of specialist places in mainstream schools across the Borough for those children and young people who need it.

While all primary and high schools in Ealing are able to meet a wide range of needs, some have needs that require additional specialist support within a mainstream school. Ealing has been developing this type of provision in mainstream primary schools over some time and has more recently been developing this type of provision in secondary schools. Ealing is seeing an increase in the number of pupils / students who need this type of provision and is therefore seeking to establish more of this type of specialist SEND provision in mainstream schools.

As at January 2026, the school has 27 students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) across all year groups and has experience of supporting students with a wide range of needs. The school and Governing Body are confident that they would be able to establish and embed a very successful SRP as part of the school. The site and buildings are able to accommodate the classroom and other spaces required. We believe that through setting up this provision Brentside High School will be well placed to support students from the local community who need this type of provision.

As a community school, with a strong inclusive ethos, Brentside High School is excited to be working with the Local Authority to set up this tailored provision for local young people. We also believe that having this provision as part of our school will benefit all of our students. An SRP enables students to be part of a larger local community, building friendships with young people within and beyond the SRP, alongside developing skills, understanding and knowledge, through a tailored curriculum and provision.

Establishing an SRP at Brentside High School:

- Provides additional specialist places in Hanwell to meet increasing demand
- Provides those places in a successful school that is committed to establishing the SRP successfully

## **What facilities will the resourced provision have?**

The school is working alongside Ealing Council's SEND specialists to design a space suitable for the needs of the students who will occupy it. The space will include specialist classrooms and small group spaces that can be used flexibly to meet the needs of the students and deliver the curriculum.

An area of the existing school buildings will be remodelled to provide accommodation for the students. It is proposed that the accommodation will have the following features:

- Facilities will as far as possible be designed to meet the special needs of the students and to promote inclusion.
- The design will take account of the sensory environment, including the proximity of others, visual and auditory stimulation, smells and textures.
- There will be sufficient storage for equipment (preferably close to the teaching area) and a small meeting base.
- There will be safe outdoor space for the students to access.
- Therapists will have access to a room suitable for individual therapy and for any small group therapy / activities that may be being delivered with part of a class i.e. in addition to the teaching area.

## **Where will the provision be located in the school?**

The provision would be based in an area of the school that best secures the above intentions and that uses space available beyond that required to deliver the mainstream curriculum to current students. Options are currently being explored with the school. A schedule of works will be agreed with the school to adapt this space to meet the needs of the students.

## **Will there be building works? Will my/my child's education be disrupted?**

There will be some works required to make the space suitable for incoming students. The space will need some adaptations, and the existing rooms within the development will need to be remodelled or refurbished. The works will take place mainly over the holiday so there will be no disruption to existing students. Ealing Council will be responsible for managing the works.

## **How will the provision be funded?**

In addition to the standard funding received for each student (as received for every student in the school), the SRP receives additional funding from the local authority. This enables the school to employ additional staff to support the students accessing the SRP. These staff bring and develop expertise that is shared with other staff within the school, supporting the quality of teaching and learning for all students within the school.

Ealing Council will be funding the costs associated with the set-up of the provision. The Council has set out a support package for schools setting up new provision. The Council also provides funding to enable the SRP lead teacher to start in post a term before the first student joins, so that they can work with colleagues across the school to ensure that the curriculum and student support is ready before the first students join. Brentside High School will be able to benefit from the experience of the other schools within the borough who have designated SEND provision and will over time itself provide advice and examples of good practice to other schools to support students with Autism / speech language and communication and associated needs.

## **Who are we consulting?**

We are consulting staff, parents and carers, students, associated professionals, other schools, and other interested parties. Any individual or organisation is welcome to respond to this consultation.

## **How to have your say**

Please have you say on the proposal by

- Completing the online questionnaire that is available [here](#) or from Brentside High School website; or
- Writing to Headteacher at SRP Consultation, Brentside High School, Greenford Ave, London W7 1JJ

A paper copy of the questionnaire is available at the school office.

You can also attend a meeting at the school to find out more and ask any questions on **Tuesday, 17 March 2026 at 18:00.**

A separate consultation meeting will be held with staff on **Tuesday, 10 March 2026 at 15:40.**

The consultation ends on Thursday, 02 April 2026.

## **What happens after the consultation?**

All responses to the consultation will be carefully considered by the Council and by the Governing Body.

If the Council and Governing Body decide not to establish the SRP, no further action would be required.

If the Council and Governing Body decide to continue with the proposal to establish the SRP, the next stage would be the publication of a Statutory Notice, which any individual or organisation would be able to respond to during a representation period of four weeks. Within two months of the end of the representation period, Ealing Council's Cabinet would then consider the responses to the Statutory Notice and make the decision about whether to establish the SRP.