

Friday 9th September 2022

Consultation: Provisions for Places for Children with Autism at Chelsea Academy

In January 2022, RBKC was maintaining 746 Education Health and Care plans, the highest number since publication began in 2010 and a growth of 2.9% on the previous year. The Borough's Commissioning Plan for SEN Provision forecasts continued growth, albeit at a slower pace than nationally. The Borough's Commissioning Plan predicts 45% of the growth requires special school (or specialist resource) provision and predicts that an additional 160 specialist places will be needed by September 2025.

RBKC has engaged with Chelsea Academy to consider the possibility of hosting a specialist resource provision for children with autism within the Academy.

Chelsea Academy's Governing Body and the lead sponsor (London Diocesan Board of Schools) have approved a request from the Academy that a resource provision could be in place by 2023. The provision will be for up to 14 students across Years 7-11. It is proposed that there would be a maximum of six places to be set up in the first three academic years starting in September 2023.

Chelsea Academy is conducting a formal consultation with stakeholders to establish those in favour and those who object to the plan.

The consultation opens at 10am on 9th September and closes at 10am on 7th October, 2022.

Feedback to the consultation can be sent to admin@chelsea-academy.org and should include:

- Subject heading: **RP consultation**
- Name and address
- Favour or objection to the provision of places for children with autism within Chelsea Academy
- Any further comment to support your position