

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SPECIALIST RESOURCE PROVISION AT BLOXWICH (SECONDARY) ACADEMY

Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning Bloxwich (Secondary) Academy and invite your response to the proposal. This is part of a statutory consultation process and the proposal is:

- To establish a 40 place Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) at Bloxwich (Secondary) Academy for children with Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH) Needs from Year 7 – 11.

Background

In order to meet forecast demand and build on the local offer of specialist provision, local authorities are continuing the development of Specialist Resource Provisions across the country where pupils, who are cognitively able to access a mainstream curriculum, can have their needs met and benefit from being located within a mainstream school environment. The main growth and investment continue to be focused on developing SRP's for pupils with Communication & Interaction (C&I) needs and Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH) difficulties. The demand for this type of provision is expected to continue to rise.

The Proposal

Why are the Trustees of Matrix Academy Trust proposing this?

Matrix Academy Trust, alongside Walsall Local Authority, have identified a need to expand SRP's across the county, that offers a bridge between mainstream and specialist provision. These are based in local schools and support children who are not coping with mainstream classes.

The SRP at Bloxwich (Secondary) Academy will support pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) whose primary needs are Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH). These pupils will benefit from accessing education at a mainstream secondary school through a flexible approach, tailored to meet their needs.

What impact will this provision have on the education of the children currently at the school?

There will be no impact on the children of the school; their learning and lessons will not be affected. Additional staff will be employed and staff of the SRP will be skilled and trained practitioners in supporting children with SEMH needs.

How will the SRP be accommodated in the school?

The proposal is to remodel two existing large modular huts, which are currently underutilised, to house the Specialist Resource Provision.

The new SRP space and surrounding area will allow for the provision to be located on the main school site and provide a safe and secure learning space for this cohort of learners.

How will the SRP work?

The proposed SRP would cater for secondary aged pupils who have significant additional needs requiring specialist support, but who have the cognitive ability to benefit from a mainstream curriculum. All pupils will have an EHCP whose primary needs are SEMH.

The intention is that children would initially be supported full-time in the base, before accessing increasing amounts of time in the main school. The reintegration of pupils into the mainstream school would be personalised and appropriate for each child, based on need.

Admission and Pupil Numbers

The SRP will be a 40-place provision by September 2029.

Admissions to the SRP follow a different procedure to that operating for the rest of the school. Admissions will be authorised via Walsall Council High Needs Provision Panel.

The establishment of the SRP will not impact the school's current total mainstream capacity.

What is the Proposed Timetable?

Friday 11th April 2025 to 9.00 am on Monday 12th May 2025 – A 4-week consultation with parents and other interested stakeholders to take into account the views expressed regarding proposals.

Following consultation, the decision will be implemented for September 2025.

Have Your Say....

As an integral part of this process, we are inviting you to take part in this consultation. We welcome your views on the proposed changes raised and all viewpoints will be taken into account as part of the decision-making process.

Feedback can be given in the following ways:

- By Email: consultation@bloxwichacademy.co.uk
- In Writing: SRP Consultation, Bloxwich Academy, Leamore Lane, Bloxwich, WS2 &NR

Deadline for comments is 9.00 am on Monday 12th May 2025.

Following the end of the consultation, we shall publish the results and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous.