

Item: <b>High Needs Commissioned Places</b>	
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### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Schools Forum with an update on commissioned places in specialist provision for children and young people with SEND for 20/21. This includes provision in Additional Resource Provisions (ARPs) and Special schools.

Decisions about commissioning of additional places are based on the SEND needs analysis and sufficiency review that took place in the summer 2019, and findings from the placement panels that have taken place in November 2019, February and May 2020.

### **Introduction**

1. The numbers of children and young people with SEND in Barnet continues to rise and currently there are 2,808 children and young people 0 – 25 years in receipt of an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Autism continues to be the biggest area of need in Barnet and nationally. Most children and young people with SEND in Barnet are school aged, with an increasing number of pre-school children diagnosed with complex needs, including Autism and requiring specialist provision.
2. There has been significant progress in placing children and young people in schools that most appropriately meet their needs. This is due to the development of additional places in ARPs and special schools outlined below.
3. A review of arrangements for commissioning places in ARPs and Special schools has been undertaken in autumn 2019, resulting in all provisions being involved in decision making.
4. The additional places that have been commissioned are as follows.

### **Update on commissioned places 2020/21**

#### **Additional Resource Provision (ARPs)**

5. In line with the planned phased increase in numbers, Chalgrove primary ARP and Whitefield secondary ARP have each taken two more pupils from September 2020.
6. There is a new ARP at Claremont school for primary aged children, and seven children have started in September 2020, with a further five children starting in January 2021.

#### **Special School Places**

7. A further 12 additional places have been created at Northway special school from September 2020. The cohort is made up of a class of reception-aged children, and pupils moving in-year who have been in mainstream. The extra places have necessitated some building work to accommodate this cohort.
8. New specialist nursery provision has been created at Queenswell primary school, managed by Oakleigh special school. This has opened in September 2020.

9. Oak Lodge have taken an additional seven pupils on site from September 2020.
10. Planning is taking place for an additional 'satellite' provision at Edgware primary school from September 2021.
11. New Oak Lodge provision for pupils with Autism/Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH) needs is being planned for opening in 2022/2023.
12. Kisharon special school moved to their new premises in September and increased the number of placements as part of a staggered increase over the next 2 years.

**Recommendation**

The Schools Forum is asked to note the commissioned high needs places for the 2020/21 school year.