

Baskerville School

Proposal to: Remove the Boarding Provision

June 2024



Introduction

The Governing body at Baskerville School (the School) is consulting on a proposal to make changes to Baskerville School (the School) which is one of Birmingham's 27 special schools.

The School can offer up to 183 places for pupils with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The school has boarding provision on the school site.

School Information

Type:	Special School (Local Authority Maintained)		
Name:	Baskerville School	DFE:	330/7016
Address:	Fellows Lane, Harborne, Birmingham B17 9TS		
Ward:	Harborne	Constituency:	Edgbaston
Age Range:	11 to 19 years	Sixth Form:	Yes
Gender:	Mixed	Pupil Places:	183
Last Ofsted:	March 2022	Ofsted Rating	Good

What changes are proposed?

The Governing body is proposing to carry out the following changes to Baskerville School:

- Remove boarding provision

Why do we want to do this?

Background:

Birmingham City Council has been working closely with the School on their education improvement journey and supporting the management and maintenance of this school site, which is challenging.

- The school has not had any pupils on roll that have boarding as part of their EHCP for many years.
- The Council is continuing to fund the unfilled boarding places from High Needs funding.
- The residential buildings currently reserved for boarding pupils could be repurposed to enhance the education of pupils on roll.
- Removal of the boarding provision would enable the school to focus their resources on their education improvement journey.

When will these changes happen?

If the proposal is approved by the decision makers (following full consultation) it is intended that the proposal to remove the boarding provision will be implemented on **31st March 2025**.

How will this affect pupils at the school?

Although there are no pupils on roll at the School with boarding as part of their EHCP, some pupils who previously used the residential buildings for extra-curricular activities (including staying overnight) would notice that these activities are no longer available. If boarding provision is removed, pupils at the School will notice that they start to use the repurposed spaces as part of their education programme.

Evidence of demand

As there have been no boarding pupils on roll at Baskerville School for many years, there is no evidence of demand for this type of provision in the city.

How will this affect staff?

Any changes to existing terms and conditions or staff reductions resulting from the removal of boarding provision will be addressed in full consultation with the trade unions and teaching associations.

Will there be changes to the school building?

There are no direct changes to the buildings in order to remove boarding provision from the education offered by the School. If the boarding provision is removed, it is intended that the current residential spaces will be repurposed for the benefit and education of pupils on roll at the School. The associated work will be completed with careful consideration and will not disrupt the education programme of pupils.

What are the project costs for this proposal and how is it funded?

There are no direct project costs for removing the boarding provision from the education offered by the School. Any repurposing of the residential spaces to benefit current and future pupils would be supported by the Council.

Will this definitely happen?

No, there is a statutory process we must follow to make these sorts of changes to schools.

This document is the proposal for statutory (formal) consultation, referred to as the “representation period”. Any comments received at this stage will be considered by the Council, as the decision maker for this type of change.

All comments received during the representation period will be forwarded to the decision maker for consideration. Within two months of the end of the representation period the Council’s Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families will make a decision. It is only at that point that we will be able to say whether the boarding provision will be removed.

What will happen if this proposal is rejected?

If this proposal is rejected, Baskerville School will remain a special school offering boarding provision. The School will still have to maintain and resource the residential spaces, and the Council will continue to allocate High Needs funding to the School, even with no boarding pupils on roll.

How can I make my views known?

We invite all interested parties to give us their comments on this proposal.
Any comments must be received no later than **18th July 2024**.

You can comment online via:

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/baskervillesot10200>

- By letter, or by completing and sending the attached comments form to:
Birmingham City Council's School Organisation Team
Education and Infrastructure
PO Box 15843
Birmingham B2 2RT
- By email: eds.enquires@birmingham.gov.uk

(please include: **Baskerville School SOT10200** in all correspondence)

What happens next?

The dates set out below meet the government requirements for the Council to consult fully with the people affected by the proposal.

Key dates

Action	Date
Public Notice	20 th June 2024
Statutory Consultation – Start	20 th June 2024
Statutory Consultation – End	18 th July 2024
Decision deadline	18 th September 2024
Changes implemented	31st March 2025

Groups consulted:

- Baskerville School: governors, staff, parents/carers and pupils
- Birmingham City Council colleagues and services
- NHS partners
- Local Councillor(s)
- Member(s) of Parliament
- Birmingham Schools
- Local Archdiocese
- Other/Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Trade Unions/Professional Associations

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Thank you for taking the time to send us your thoughts on this proposal.

Consultation Response Form

Please help us to analyse your response by completing the following:

Your name (optional): _____

Your contact details (optional): _____

Are you in favour of the proposal (please select one answer)?

Yes	No	Neither/Don't know
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What type of stakeholder are you (please select one answer)?

Pupil at Baskerville School	
Parent/Carer of pupil(s) Baskerville School	
School Governor of Baskerville School	
School Staff at Baskerville School	
Local Resident	
Elected Birmingham Councillor	
Member of Parliament	
Other (please describe)	

Please provide your comments on the proposal.

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