Birmingham City Council

Lozells Junior and Infant School and Nursery.

Draft Proposal to: Establish Special Educational Needs Provision (Resource Base)

November 2026

Introduction

Birmingham City Council (the council), as the Local Authority for Birmingham is consulting on a draft proposal for changes being developed at Lozells Junior and Infant School and Nursery (the school). This document describes what is being proposed and why.

School Information

Type:	Community school			
Name:	Lozells Junior and Infant School and Nursery		**DFE:**	330/2127
Address:	Wheeler Street, Lozells, Birmingham B 19 2EP			
Ward:	Lozells	**Constituency:**	Perry Barr	
Age Range:	3 – 11 years	**Sixth Form:**	No	
Gender:	Mixed	**Capacity:**	420 (Nursery 26 FTE)	
Last Ofsted:	October 2024	**Ofsted Rating**	Good	

What changes are proposed?

The Council is proposing to carry out the following change to the school:

- Establish Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision in a mainstream school
- Creating a SEN "Resource Base" for up to 24 pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Implementation on 1 May 2027

Why has this school been chosen / identified?

The school currently offers additional support to pupils which have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The school does not currently have a formalised SEN Resource Base. In collaboration with the council, it is proposed that the school establish a SEN Resource Base, due to the steadily growing demand in Birmingham. This change would help to provide places for pupils with an EHCP for ASD and help the council and the school in their strategic aims.

Evidence of Demand:

There remains a significant challenge in ensuring sufficient specialist provision across Birmingham for children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), including both special school placements and resource-base provision within mainstream settings. Forecasts indicate continued growth in EHCP numbers over the next four years, with total plans projected to increase from 14,625 in 2026 to 19,563 by 2029. Alongside this growth, an increasing proportion of pupils require specialist provision rather than mainstream placements. The SEND Reform Programme includes a significant programme of specialist place creation, which will increase capacity across both special schools and resource bases. This planned growth will make an important contribution towards meeting future demand, while continued sufficiency planning will be required to understand and respond to longer-term pressures across the system.

When will these changes happen?
Following two periods of consultation, if the proposal is approved by the decision maker, the changes will be implemented from **01 May 2027.**

Will there be any effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area?
There should be no negative effects on other special or mainstream schools, as the Resource Base will offer specialist city wide provision for which there is a need. There is currently a shortage of ASD places and no indication that other schools offering this type of provision will be negatively affected. Any impact on other schools should be positive as this proposal creates places for pupils with ASD needs and so releases places at other schools to meet the needs of other pupils.

How will the proposal increase educational standards and parental choice?
The Council is keen to ensure that future places are provided in the areas that they are needed, helping children to attend a school nearer to home and as part of their local community. The proposed 24 place Resource Base will increase the number of primary places at a 'Good' school for pupils requiring ASD provision and provide greater choice for parents.

How will this affect pupils at the school?
Current pupils may notice the small increase to the number of pupils at the school. This change would not affect the admission arrangements, admission number or process for mainstream pupils. The 24 Resource Base places would be reserved for pupils with an EHCP for ASD needs with places being commissioned and offered through the council's Special Education Needs Assessment and Review service (SENAR). The intention is that 24 pupils would benefit from the Resource Base from 1 May 2027.

How will this affect staff?
Generally, staff will be unaffected and may experience more opportunities for professional development. If this proposal is approved, any impact on terms and conditions would be with full consultation with Trade Unions / Professional Associations.

Travel and Transport:
The impact on transport and travel will be minimal. The school will continue to update their travel plan, as and when required. The Local Authority transport arrangements for children with special needs will apply (Birmingham City Council's Children and Young Persons Travel Service).

Will there be changes to the school building?
There will be no significant building works. There will be some enhancements to the external play area and equipment to accommodate the pupils and their needs.

What are the project costs for this proposal and how is it funded?
The council has identified funding from the High Needs Block budget. If approved this would be approximately £68,000. The ongoing maintenance of the Resource Base would be the responsibility of the school and funded via the school's delegated budget. The school would receive regular annual funding from the council's High Needs Block budget for resourcing the specialist provision.

Will this definitely happen?
There is a statutory process we must follow to make these sorts of changes to schools. The current stage of the process is known as the "pre-publication" consultation. The proposal would also require a "Statutory publication" consultation and then a decision by council's Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families; they are the decision maker for this type of proposal.

It is only after the decision stage that we will be able to say with certainty if the proposal will be implemented or not. The decision will be published on the consultation website below (BeHeard) and stakeholders will be notified.

What will happen if this proposal is rejected?
If this proposal is not approved, the school would continue to support pupils with ASC through its existing provision. However, this would limit the opportunity to increase local specialist capacity and may reduce Birmingham's ability to meet growing demand for ASC provision within mainstream settings. The Council would therefore need to identify alternative placements for pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), which may result in increased reliance on specialist provision elsewhere, including placements outside of a pupil's local community. This could reduce parental choice, increase placement pressures across the wider system, and limit the Council's ability to meet forecast demand through local provision.

How do I comment on this draft proposal?
We invite all interested parties to give us their comment on this proposal.

Any comments must be received no later than 18 December 2026.

You can comment via the online survey at BeHeard using the link:
https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/lozells_ji_prepub_sot10245/

You can write to us quoting "Lozells Pre-Pub SOT10245" as the subject to:

By email: ediproperty@birmingham.go.uk

By letter:
School Organisation Team
Education Infrastructure Service
Birmingham City Council
PO Box 15843, Birmingham B2 2RT

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 (dates are subject to change).

Key dates

Action	Date(s)
Pre-Publication consultation	23 November 2026 – 18 December 2026
Statutory consultation	14 January 2027 – 11 February 2027
Decision deadline	11 April 2027
Changes implemented (if approved)	1 May 2027

Groups notified of this proposal:

Parents and Pupils of Lozells Junior and Infant School and Nursery
Staff and Governors of Lozells Junior and Infant School and Nursery
Birmingham City Council Officers and departments
Birmingham City Councillors

Lozells Junior and Infant School and Nursery (PrePub SOT10245):

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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 circle one answer)?

Yes	**No**	**Neither / Don't know**

What type of person / stakeholder are you (please select one answer)?

Pupil at the school	
Parent / Carer of pupil of the school	
Governor at the school	
Staff at the school	
Local Resident	
Birmingham City Councillor	
Member of Parliament	
Other - please describe (for example: staff of another school; or parent of prospective pupil)	

Please provide your comments on the proposal.
(Continue on additional page, as required.)

Your comments…

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