

**SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING – 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016**

**PRIMARY RESOURCE PROVISIONS**

**Background**

The Local Authority have commissioned two primary resource based provisions. One is based at Western Primary School and the other is based at Eastfield Primary Academy. In September 2011 the resourced base primaries will provide twenty-two places for primary aged pupils.

A review of the operation of the primaries during this academic year has taken place and a number of issues have been identified which has led to adjustments in the process by which schools can access these resources.

These issues include:

- Insufficient information provided on referral;
- Referral of pupils who should have a statutory assessment in respect of their SEN;
- Too few pupils transitioning back and therefore no spaces in the resource.

**BAC REFERRAL PROCESS**

**Information Collection**

The process by which data is collected on referral will be strengthened to ensure that the referring school can demonstrate that all appropriate advice has been gathered, the advice has been implemented and the effectiveness reviewed. (Plan, Do, Review). This should include an educational psychology referral, the commencement of a single assessment, other interventions as appropriate.

**Pre-BAC**

Once evidence has been provided as required the referral will result in a visit to the setting by resource base staff to observe the child and their interactions and provide advice on further strategies to maintain the placement.

Where this is successful there will be no need for a BAC referral.

Where the resource base staff agree that all advised approaches have been properly implemented but further intervention is required, this will move to a BAC referral.

This phase is new and requires additional resource. Resource will be used to enable the release of the senior resource base staff who are best placed/experienced to observe, analyse and recommend strategies.

### **BAC Referral**

On referral the school will be required to agree to the return of the pupil when the resource base staff determine he/she is ready. The referring school will be required to identify a key worker who will visit the pupil in provision on a weekly basis and be the key link for transition. During the period at the resource base the pupil will be dual registered.

### **Transition**

A six week transition plan will be draw up. Support will be provided by the resource base staff supported by the school key worker. Integrated Family Support will work with the family in this phase. Support from the resource base will be gradually withdrawn during transition. At the end of the six week transition the pupil will be back in school and solely the responsibility of the school going forward.

This phase requires additional support (as Phase 1).

### **Resource Required**

To deliver the provision as described it is proposed that each resource base should be able to employ a HLTA in order to release senior staff to ensure the appropriateness of referral and to support transition as described above.

The total cost of this will be £46,678 inclusive of on costs for an academic year.

### **Benefits**

This investment should lead to more effective and appropriately targeted use of these resources. If there is greater movement in the system more placements will be offered therefore benefiting more pupils and more schools.