

School Forum

9 December 2014

ASD Provision Update

Background

- The School Forum set aside £200k for the development of ASD provision for the period 1 April 2014 to March 2015.
- The first step was to identify a host school and establish a resource-based provision. The proposal is as below:
 - Establish the resource-based provision at Cambridge Park Academy
 - The provision will be based at the 419 Cromwell Road site
 - The resource base will provide for up to 9 FTE young people of secondary age
 - All pupils will have a statement/EHCP, with ASD identified as their primary need.
 - Additional subject specialist teaching will be provided by Cambridge Park Academy and/or accessed through a mainstream school or academy as required.
 - The LA will work with Cambridge Park Academy to agree the transition costs for the period 1st January 2015 to 31 August 2015, such as equipment and appropriate building adaptations.
 - The annual cost will be in the region of £16,800 per pupil, equating to £151,200 per annum in total
 - Preparation work will be carried out in the spring term on the 419 Cromwell Road site. Staff will be appointed for an April 2015 start and the provision will open after the Easter break 2015.

Recommendations of the SEN Working Party

- That Cambridge Park Academy is commissioned for 9 FTE additional places on an annual basis to provide an ASD resource-based provision
- That set-up funding for the transition period 1 January 2015 to 31 August 2015 is met from the 2014/15 allocation of £200k
- The funding is not subject to claw-back in the first 2 years with effect from 1 September 2015