

Proposed High Needs Place Changes 2024/2025 Academic Year

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Objective

To share with Schools Forum over final arrangements for planned high needs places for the 2024/2025 academic year

Linked to:

Requirement for the LA to consult with Schools Forum over arrangements for high needs pupils

Requirement for the LA to submit place change notifications relating to academies/FE colleges to the ESFA in November



Approach

1. Identify where a place number change may be required taking into account current numbers, known leavers July 2024, anticipated/average new admissions and limits to physical capacity
2. Agree proposed changes with institutions wherever possible



Current published high needs places 2023/2024

Institution	Published places 23/24	Change for 24/25
Westbury	104	110 (+6)
Woodlands	89	97 (+8)
Nethergate	169	169
Rosehill	120	120
Oak Field	166	166
Bluecoat Primary	5	5
Bluecoat Aspley	6 pre 16 and 10 post 16	6 pre 16 10 post 16
Bulwell Academy	6	2 (-4)
NUSA	12	12

Continued below

Current published high needs places 2023/2024

Institution	Published places 23/24	Change for 24/25
Mellers	13	13
Fernwood	4	4
Denewood	42	50 (+8)
Unity	110	110
Nottingham College	160	160
Djanogly Strelley	0	6 (+6)
Milford Academy	0	4



- **Financial implications**

Overall additional cost in 2024-25 £0.564m

Djanogly Strelley focus provision will open in September 2024. The LA will fund the provision from the high needs block 1 term before it opens to allow for the building to be set up and staffing to be recruited and trained. The funding for the summer term 2024 this entails full year funding **£0.143m**

Milford Academy focus provision may open during the 2024/25 academic year. We are consulting Schools Forum on ringfencing funding from the high needs block to fund any in-year provision should the building works complete during this period. The expected costs are **£0.095m** (£0.071 Top Ups and £0.024m Place funding)



Financial Implications - Contd

- 8 extra places at Denewood will cost c.**£0.080m** for a full year, in FY24-25
- **£0.161m** additional budget requirement for Westbury special schools for FY 2024/25 arising from £0.060m place number changes (AY2023/24 and AY2024/25), and £0.101m top ups.
- Place cost element of 8 places at Woodlands Special would be **£0.181m** in a full year, £0.080m Place element in FY24-25 & £0.101m top ups.
- **£0.095m** savings arising from Bulwell Academy place number changes from 6 to 2



Longer term plans

A range of specialist provision has been agreed and is moving to early design works. These developments include:

- Expansion of Rosehill Special school - 80 places
- Enhanced resource provision at Fernwood Secondary School – 20 places
- Enhanced resource provision at Nottingham Girl's Academy – 8/10 places
- Enhanced resource provision at Gladehill School – 8 places
- Enhanced resource provision at Milford Academy – 8 places

Detailed information will be brought to Schools Forum as the build schedule develops