

An inclusive collaboration for autistic children



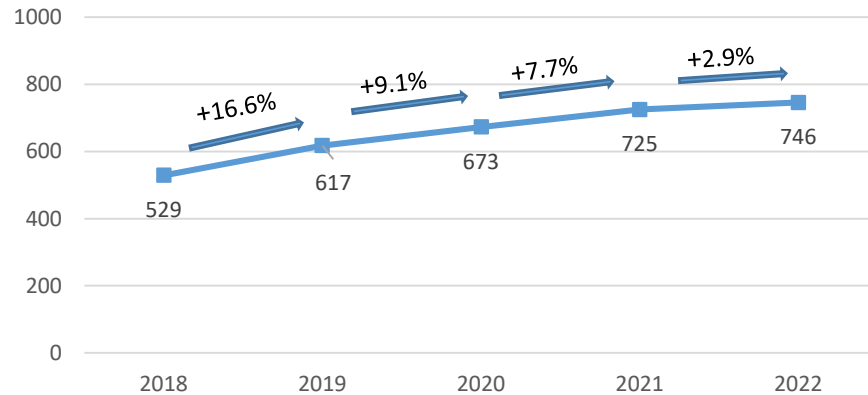
Background and Context

- Kensington Queensmill opened in September 2021 as RBKC's first local special school
- The School has capacity for 80 children and is an all-through school 3 - 19
- The Queensmill Trust has extensive experience of managing satellite provision:
 - Fulham Primary 30 Places (since 2012)
 - Fulham Trust Academy 60 Places (since 2013)
- Kensington Queensmill will be full by Summer 2023 but local need is very much higher
- The LA strategy is to educate autistic children locally, in high-quality provision within the community rather than expensive out of borough provision



Understanding Local need

EHC Plans over the last 5 years
Kensington & Chelsea - SEN2



- Nationally 30% of those with EHCPs have autism. In RBKC the proportion with autism as their primary need was closer to 43%.
- This means we are anticipating up to 220 additional EHCPs by 2027 with up to 84 additional specialist places required.

Jan	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Under 5	3	3	3	3	3
Age 5 to 10	37	43	45	47	50
Age 11 to 15	83	86	89	95	100
Age 16 to 19	16	15	15	16	17
Age 20 to 25	4	4	4	4	4
Total number by Age Group	143	151	156	165	174



What do we have in mind?

- Based at Avondale Park Primary School, a 16-place Key Stage 1 satellite for autistic children
- 8 children in September 2023, depending on admissions, another class opening in Spring 2024 (up to 4 children)
- All children will be on the Kensington Queensmill (KQ) School roll
- KQ and Avondale Park staff will collaborate for inclusion opportunities for the children (perhaps play, lunch, assemblies, outdoor learning)



How might we work together?

- New children will benefit from spacious and relatively new nursery facilities
- Children and parents will be able to access the school via their own entrance to offer a lower-arousal environment for them
- Therapies – Speech and Occupational Therapy from specialists from the trust, on site at Avondale Park
- As children progress and settle, they can play and learn, with support beside their mainstream peers
- KQ leaders will liaise on a regular basis with Avondale Park leaders over safeguarding, admissions, premises, health and safety, good practice (a memorandum of understanding will be in place)



What about the future?

- The plan is for the Avondale Park autism provision to be Key Stage 1 – Reception, year 1 and year 2
- Children will leave at the end of year 2
- They will transition to either
 - Kensington Queensmill
 - Oxford Gardens Primary KQ Satellite (Key Stage 2)
 - Avondale Park Primary
- The LA, KQ and Oxford Gardens Primary are planning a 16-place KS2 satellite in two classrooms on the Oxford Gardens premises. This will likely begin in Sept 2024 or Spring '25
- There are plans for a Secondary Satellite, also attached to KQ for children to access at Year 7



A few pictures



Questions and Comments?

- Share consultation views and feedback with the Department for Education, RBKC and other stakeholders
- Admissions visits for children and parents/carers
 - Some children will transition from KQ, others will join directly at Avondale Park
- Appoint a Lead Teacher, and at least 4/5 teaching assistants depending on EHC plans and needs of children
- Confirm who from the KQ senior team will have dedicated responsibility for ensuring the quality of provision
- Progress preparation of the provision – outdoor place space, adaptations to entrance areas, resources for children

