



## Questionnaire

### **Oasis Academy Johanna** (part of the Oasis Community Learning Trust)

## **Consultation for the introduction of a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Resource Base to the school**

### **Background**

We have previously engaged with key stakeholders about the proposal to redevelop the Oasis Academy Johanna school site, with the ultimate goal of providing a brand new nursery and primary school with extended community access, as well as other community benefits.

In due time, we will conduct a further community consultation on the scope of the overall project. However, as one part of the wider scheme, it has been agreed with the London Borough of Lambeth's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) team that a new SEND Resource Base is needed for the borough's children with Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) and physical and communication disabilities.

This consultation is specifically and exclusively about the SEND Resource Base.

As we develop the new and larger school building, it will be possible to include such a facility, which would allow us to enhance our existing SEND provision and facilities in a significant manner.

The costs associated with the development of the Resource Base, and of the whole new school building, will be funded from the wider mixed-use scheme being proposed. There will be no extra cost to the public purse.

The estimated timeline for the delivery of the new building, and therefore of the Resource Base, is approximately five to six years from now.

### **What would the SEND Resource Base provide?**

The Resource Base would support children and young people who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), who would benefit from additional specialist support in order to achieve inclusion in mainstream classes and access to the curriculum.

Teaching, support and relevant therapeutic interventions will be planned, based on each individual child's needs, giving them access to small group learning for key skills but also allowing for inclusion in their mainstream class as a priority throughout.

The students will benefit from extra support from additional staff, who are well trained and highly effective in their role.

The larger space and increased resources will enable us to continue to build on our existing experience of including children who have significant physical and/or communication needs (SEND) often with associated moderate learning difficulties (MLD) in mainstream education.

The children who benefit from the base will be those who have one or more 'basic access barriers' to the curriculum (i.e. a physical disability that impacts on their access to the building and its resources, or a communication difficulty that requires some alternative ways to speak and record their ideas). Although the learning difficulties of these children are significant, they are able to access some mainstream learning at a slower pace or in a different way – and this new facility will give them that opportunity.

From our previous and existing children and families, we know that Johanna's expertise in this area is highly valued by children who have significant barriers to learning and who might otherwise find themselves excluded from mainstream education. The inclusion that we are able to offer gives them the opportunity to benefit from the cognitive challenge of, and exposure to, a range of social and language role models in the mainstream environment. The families who choose to send their SEND children to Oasis Academy Johanna are often those who require a high level of support but who want them to remain as part of their wider community.

The Resource Base would cater for up to 24 children (including the nursery) as a maximum limit. They will be allocated within each Key Stage as appropriate to ensure high-quality provision and continuity for each child and their family.

The Resource Base will have a dedicated Leader who will report to the Principal, and will be part of the Academy Leadership Team to ensure a fully integrated educational experience as appropriate to each child. Other staff ratios will be adjusted to meet the needs of individual children.

### **Why we need to consult about this Resource Base**

In order to be able to open this SEND Resource Base, we need to gain approval from the Department for Education (DfE), by demonstrating that we have consulted with all key stakeholders and that we have support for this much-needed local resource.

Please would you, therefore, take a moment to complete this form, to lend us your support and to ask any questions that you may have. We want to hear from you so that we can shape our provision in the most appropriate way. We will be reporting the results of the consultation to the DfE, along with your comments and input as well as how we are going to respond to it.

The consultation process begins on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020** and will conclude on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**.

Please complete and return this form to: [info@oasisjohanna.org](mailto:info@oasisjohanna.org) or return directly to the Academy **by 5pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**.

Thank you.

**Oasis Academy Johanna**

Please note that these submissions will remain anonymous unless the last 3 tick boxes are completed.

**Questions:**

**1. About you (tick all that apply). I am:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	A parent/carer of a child with SEND
<input type="checkbox"/>	A parent/carer of a child at Oasis Academy Johanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	A member of staff at Oasis Academy Johanna
<input type="checkbox"/>	A member of staff at another school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify) _____

**2. I am a resident of Lambeth/Southwark/Other Borough – please delete as appropriate.**

**3. To what extent do you agree that there is need for extra specialist provision in Lambeth to meet the needs of SEND children?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree

**4. To what extent do you support the introduction of a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Resource Base at the school as outlined above?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither support nor do not support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly support

5. Please use this space to give us any other comments, recommendations or suggestions about these proposals.

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6. If you have a specific question about this consultation and would like to be informed of developments with this project please tick the 'Yes I am happy to be contacted' box. If you tick this box, we will add you to our mailing list for this scheme. You can unsubscribe at any time, by emailing [info@oasisjohanna.org](mailto:info@oasisjohanna.org). For information about our privacy practices, please visit this link.

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Yes, I am happy to be contacted regarding future development

Yes, I am happy to be contacted in response to my question below but do not add to the mailing lists for future development

No, I do not want to be contacted going forward

7. If you answered 'Yes' to the above question, please provide your full name. \*

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8. If you answered 'Yes' to the above question, please provide your email address. \*

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9. If you have a specific question relating to the consultation that you would like answering please outline it below:

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Thank you very much for your help in completing this form. Please note: We are conducting this consultation process solely on-line because of the Coronavirus restrictions.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **Why are you doing this?**

We work closely with the SEND department at the London Borough of Lambeth (LBL) because of the work we currently do with children with physical disabilities and associated MLD. In these discussions, it has become clear that LBL require a SEND Resource Base to be set up in order to cater for those with MLD (some of whom may have physical disabilities too) – so a broader offer – for children from within the borough. We are pleased to be able to grow this area of our work in a larger and more flexible building.

### **My child does not have SEND – will having children with SEND in the mainstream classes hold my child back?**

Absolutely not – in our experience quite the reverse is true. We find there are huge benefits for children who do not have SEND to learn with those who do. It teaches them about what it is like to have SEND and how they can best help others in the community. It also teaches them about difference, how to sit alongside those who are not the same as they are, equality and diversity and other key and important areas of life and the curriculum by experiencing this at close hand.

Children with SEND will spend part of their time in the mainstream classes and part in their own space and small group rooms.

### **What does having a Resource Base mean?**

A Resource Base is simply an opportunity for those with SEND to have extra equipment, breakout spaces, wider corridors and other resources/staffing support they need to flourish in their learning and life experience within a mainstream school setting.

### **How are you going to fund this?**

The capital side of providing the building will be paid for from the wider mixed-used development. The ongoing operational funding will be discussed with the LBL and negotiated according to each child's specific needs.