



Consultation Summary

Proposal to expand Bramley Oak Academy

Introduction:

- Surrey aims to increase specialist provision places, including for SEMH pupils.
- Investment has created 1,600 local specialist provision places (by 2024) across Surrey.
- Bramley Oak Academy plans to expand in collaboration with Surrey County Council.

Background and Proposal:

- Bramley Oak Academy is a special school for boys (5-11) with SEMH needs and learning difficulties.
- Bramley Oak Academy is part of London South East Academies Trust (LSEAT)

Expansion Plan:

- School currently has 61 pupil places; expanded in 2021 by six pupils.
- Proposal: Expand to accommodate 104 pupils (adding 43 places).

Rationale:

- Surrey plans to create over 2,400 specialist school places by 2026.
- High-quality specialist provision crucial for vulnerable children with complex SEND.
- Significant rise in EHCP children in Surrey since 2015; increased demand for specialist places.

Pupil Placement:

- Proposal offers 43 additional places across ages 5 – 11.
- Expected full capacity (104 pupils) by September 2028, managed collaboratively.
- Expansion to start bringing in additional places from September 2025 and building the number over several years to 104.

Building Work:

- Renovation ongoing; building of new accommodation planned subject to planning approval.
- This consultation covers educational aspects; building planning permission is addressed separately.

Finance and Resourcing:

- Additional funding and staffing planned in alignment with Surrey County Council to support this expansion.

Consultation and Feedback:

- Consultation begins on 8th January 2024
- Feedback will inform the Regional Director's decision regarding the proposal.
- Opportunities for feedback through online survey, response forms, and public meetings.
- All responses due by 26th February 2024.

What Happens Next?

- Public events scheduled on 15th January 2024 and 8th February 2024 for discussions (contact the school office)
- Responses collected, reviewed, and shared with stakeholders and on the school's website.