



PYRAMID

ADDITIONALLY RESOURCED PROVISIONS

NESTs

Neurodivergent Education with Support and Trust

7 July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, and Stakeholders,

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Pyramid Schools Trust, I am writing to inform you that we are initiating an initial consultation process regarding proposed changes to our Special Educational Needs (SEN) resource provisions, specifically concerning admissions and the funding arrangements moving forward. Our resource provisions are currently based at the following schools:

- Ramsey Manor Lower School
- Arnold Academy (Middle school)
- Brooklands School (Middle school)

The proposed changes are set out in our draft operational guidance which can be accessed [here](#).

The changes can be summarised as follows:

- Having clear admissions criteria for each of our resource provisions taking into account the requirements under s 39/40 of the Children and Families Act 2014; and
- Having a clear framework for determining the level of top up funding required to support children attending one of our resource provisions. This is a matter which is negotiated with local authorities before a child is placed in one of our resource provisions.

The draft operational guidance also expands on information contained in each school's published SEN information.

The consultation has been prompted by significant financial challenges, including ongoing deficits in funding, which have placed considerable pressure on our ability to sustain current provisions.

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As part of the initial consultation process, we are also considering proposals that include the potential closure of some or all of the SEN resource provisions. However, ideally, we would wish to maintain all provisions and ensure that they meet the needs of children who are placed in them. This is why we have drafted new operational guidance which details how our specialist provisions are proposed to be organised and funded moving forwards.

We are committed to ensuring that any proposed changes prioritise the best interests of our students while addressing the financial constraints we face. Your input is vital, and we encourage all local authorities, parents, carers, staff, and community members to participate in the consultation process. If you have any comments please send them to:

contactus@pyramidschoolstrust.org

The initial consultation will run for 6 weeks from 07/07/2025 to 26/09/2025 and will then be considered by the Pyramid Schools Trust.

We understand the importance of these provisions to our school community and assure you that no final decisions have been made. We value your feedback and will carefully consider all responses before determining next steps.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Kelly', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Kelly
Chief Executive Officer