

New free SEND school for children with complex autism in Enfield

In Enfield our vision is for all children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities to have high aspirations, and to achieve ambitious and positive lifelong outcomes.

We have identified the need to provide additional specialist school places for children and young people aged 11 to 17 with complex autistic spectrum disorder (ASD).

We have been successful in our application to the Department for Education (DfE) to establish a new school providing a minimum of 48 places.

The DfE is in the process of accepting applications for free school providers to manage this new school and guidance has now been published on their website.

This has set out a timeline and the steps applicants need to take. Applicants will have between the 13th to the 31st of May to complete an expression of interest form and between the 10th of June to 19th of July to apply.

For more information on the process, visit [GOV.UK - Apply to open a special free school](#)

We will be hosting engagement events with prospective providers at a date to be confirmed shortly as an opportunity to understand our local context and vision for supporting our children and young people.

This will make sure that applicants understand how we see the new school fitting into our strategic approach to supporting children and young people with special educational needs.

We have provided the school specification and contextual information to assist applicants.