



**Consultation by Trust
Board of Education Impact
Academy Trust for
Queensbury School.**

*Proposal to relocate Post
16 Education site and
increase SEND provision*

Introduction

The Education Impact Academy Trust Board is consulting on a proposal to make changes to Queensbury School.

- Queensbury School is one of 27 Birmingham special schools and can offer up to 258 places for pupils with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) for Moderate Learning Difficulties, Severe Learning Difficulties, Autism and Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs, (SEMH). Queensbury School is an Academy Special School within the Education Impact Academy Trust that is located in Erdington. (North Birmingham).
- Queensbury School Post 16 Provision (Special School) is proposing to relocate from its current location at Wood End Road to a new site at Station Road, Erdington. Birmingham B23. This would occur when the building has been fully refurbished from February 2023, subject to the new building being handed over to the school. The new site is 0.5miles – measured by “straight line distance” from the current site. (0.9 Miles by road). The number of places that the new Sixth Form site would be able to accommodate will be 84 places in 2022-2023 and increase to 96 in 2023-2024. The proposal to change the age range is not dependant on, nor will it have an impact on, the already approved relocation and pupil numbers increase.
- The old Sixth Form building on the Queensbury main school site would be refurbished to become a Severe Learning Disabilities hub for the school. Increasing numbers in year 1 (2022-23) by 44 and increasing numbers in year 2 (2023-24) by 44. This would support the Local Authority (which is Birmingham City Council) with current students without specialist provision with severe learning difficulties and social, emotional and mental health needs.

Location	Proposed SEND Places Sept 2022	Proposed Total SEND Places 2022-2023 (Feb 2023)	Proposed Total SEND Places 2023 – 2024 (Sept 23)	Proposed Total SEND places 2024-2025 (Sept 24)
Queensbury School Site B24 8BL	276	216	239	244
Former Osborne Site B23 6UB	0	84	96	96
TOTAL SCHOOL PLACES	276	300	335	340

- The Trust Board and Local Governing Body of Queensbury School consulted upon and approved a proposal to make an increase provision to support the Local Authority with SEND placements.

School Information

Type:	Academy Special Sponsor led		
Trust	Education Impact Academy Trust		
Name:	Queensbury School	DFE:	3307001
		URN	146858
Address:	Wood End Road, Erdington B24 8BL		
Ward:	Erdington	District:	Birmingham
Age Range:	11 – 19 years	Current Capacity:	255
Last Ofsted:	Awaiting Section 5 as a new Academy School since Sept 2020 Previous School inspection 15 th May 2018	Ofsted Rating	Awaiting Grade Overall Effectiveness: 4 (inadequate - special measures)

What changes are proposed?

The Trust Board and Local Governing Body are proposing to carry out the following changes to Queensbury School with the close partnership and full support of Birmingham City Council (the Local Authority).

1. **Relocate SEND Post 16 (Sixth Form) provision to new refurbished site.**
(Station Road, Erdington B23 6UB) – Feb 2023
2. **Increase Provision of SEND Post 16 places from 84 to 96 – 1st September 2023.**
3. **Increase total number of SEND places for Queensbury School up to 340 placements, across two sites for September 2024**

From September 2024:

Queensbury Secondary (11-16) Education capacity

Location (B24 8BL)

244 places

Queensbury Sixth Form (Post 16) Education capacity

Location B23 6UB

96 places

Why do we want to do this?

This proposal has been developed for the following reasons;

- To help the Local Authority to address the demand for places for secondary age pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for Social Emotional and Mental Health needs, Severe Learning Difficulties and Autism.
- To provide better continuity for pupils at the school.
- To provide better SEND facilities to enhance how we meet individual needs.
- Provide new SEND facilities at a dedicated Post 16 site that is more age appropriate and adult focused.
- Increase the work experience and community opportunities due to location.
- Introduce the 'Quest Curriculum' which increases the numbers of SLD / ASC students the school can educate.
- To increase the offer places for pupils with an EHCP's for SLD / ASC / SEMH needs in secondary education.
- Increasing the number of places at the school on two sites will continue to provide financial stability and better economies of scale within the Trust, allowing more resourcing to be spent on the students and families we serve.

When will these changes happen?

If the proposal is approved by the decision makers, (Regional School commissioner and Department for Education). It is intended that the proposal allows for increased placements starting in September 2022.

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Total pupil increases each year until 2024 (including/excluding increase in post-16):

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From September 2022 (Additional placements on commissioned numbers)

Year Group	Number of Places	SEND NEED	From When	Academic Year	Location
Year 7	8	SEMH	Sept 2022	1 st Year	Queensbury Main School
Year 7	12	SLD / ASC	Sept 2022	1 st Year	Queensbury Main School
Year 8	12	SLD / ASC	February 2023	1 st Year	Queensbury Main School
Year 10	12	SLD / ASC	February 2023	1 st Year	Queensbury Main School
TOTAL	44				

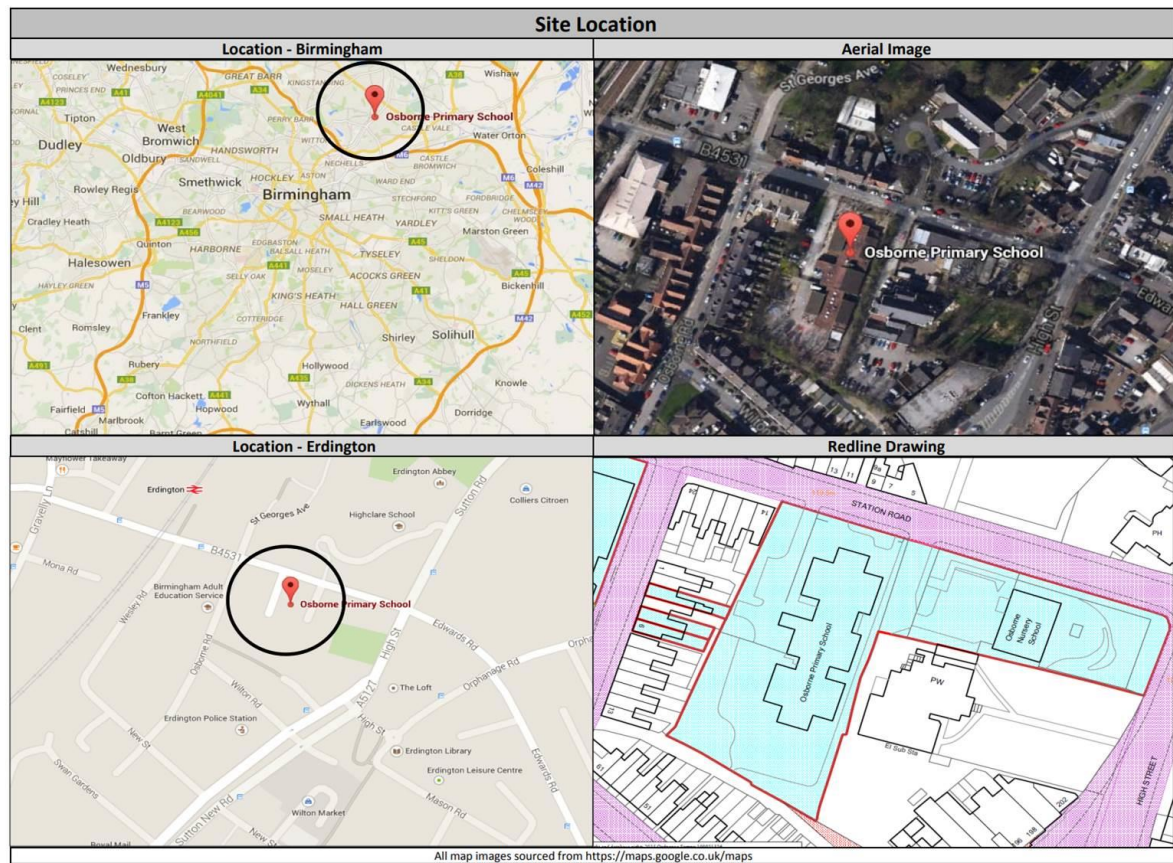
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Year 7	8	SEMH	Sept 2023	2 nd Year	Queensbury Main School
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Year 10	12	SLD / ASC	Sept 2023	2 nd Year	Queensbury Main School
Year 12- 14	12	MLD / SLD / ASC	Sept 2023	2 nd Year	NEW Queensbury Sixth Form Site (Osbourne)
TOTAL	44				

Additional Site: Former "Osborne Primary School" **Site:** Station Road, B23 6UB -

- Location for Proposed Post 16 Provision
- (0.5 Miles away) – Site Location

The site is owned free-hold by the Local Authority and the Trust would lease the additional site form the Local Authority (which is the same as for the main school site). The lease agreement would be for the same duration already in place with the Local Authority and Trust.



Birmingham City Council - Osborne Primary - Asset Survey & Maintenance Investment Priorities Report - Base Data

How will this affect pupils at the school?

If the proposal is approved, Pupils with Education Health and Care plans at Queensbury School would benefit from the enhanced new SLD / ASC facilities. This is a key area the school wishes to develop to better support our students, families and staff delivery. A fifth curriculum pathway 'Quest' would allow our other pathways to be more focused on individual needs offering more support for our students enhancing education standards further.

Our Sixth Form Students would transfer to the new refurbished site post February 2023. Post 16 Students would benefit from a more 'adult focus' centre, geographically located to enhance opportunities with the community, leisure, life skills and work experience / employability.

Our lower cognition and more vulnerable students in school would benefit from their own building, allowing for more appropriate resourcing and storage of education

equipment and resources. Zoning would allow for their own outdoor space from others within the school.

How will the proposal increase educational standards and parental choice?

- Enhanced SEND Facilities for Post 16
- Broaden Post 16 curriculum range
- Increased work experience and employability opportunities
- Increase leisure opportunities
- Increase SLD / ASC Facilities to better meet needs eg: sensory regulation
- Resourcing in school to have central locations for relevant needs
- Increase independent travel opportunities

Will there be any effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area?

There should be no negative effects on other schools as proposed increase is based on city wide demand for high needs places.

How will this affect staff?

- We would relocate our Sixth Form staff to deliver education from the Osborne Site.
- We would locate our Discovery and Quest Curriculum staff in a purpose built refurbished centre on the current Queensbury school site to provide consistency for these students needs.
- Leadership teams would be restructured to ensure we have appropriate leadership across both sites.
- Staff have been very committed and wanting to improve facilities and buildings at Queensbury School to raise standards further and operate in an environment they deserve to work.

What will it cost to make this change?

The approximate cost is around £5.5 million pounds. This would be based on grant agreement with the local authority to expand high need placements in city due to significant challenges and demand in SEND high need placements.

- £2.5 million – Refurbishment of derelict Osborne Site B23 6UB

- £2.5 million - Refurbishment of Sixth Form building to ASC / SLD provision (2 building phases).
- £500,000 – Temporary classrooms during construction works.

Is there enough room to accommodate extra pupils?

The school in partnership with Ridge Consultants, EDSI and SENAR team within local authority have provided a phased plan for works and temporary arrangements. It provides sufficient accommodation to make these changes whilst awaiting for refurbishments to be completed with set handover procedures.

Will this definitely happen?

No, consultation views are important from all stakeholders to make an informed decision.

Consultation

This document is the consultation document. We welcome comments on the proposal between **21st January 2022 – 18th February 2022.**

All comments received during the consultation period will be considered by the Education Impact Academy Trust Board and Local Governing Body.

The Trust Board will submit proposed changes and consultation findings to the Regional School Commissioner (RSC) and Department for Education if they decide to advance the proposal. The decision by the Trust Board will be made in the spring term 2022.

The RSC are the final decision makers and will decide if these changes will happen. We will notify you of the RCS's decision when / if this has been made.

What will happen if this proposal does not go ahead?

The school will continue to operate its current provision.

How can I make my views known?

We welcome comments within the four week consultation period, comments **must be made in writing** on the **form provided** in this information pack or through the

website form. Responses must be received **no later** than **12 Noon** on **18th February 2022.**

Please note all postal responses need to be received in school and addressed to the Trust Board no later than **18th February 2022.**

Anyone wishing to make comments, support or objections to this proposal may do so through accessing information on the school / trust website:

- www.queensburysch.com/consultation
- <https://educationimpact.org.uk/consultation>

Or **in writing** to the school postal address below:

TRUST BOARD – REF: Queensbury Consultation,
Queensbury School,
Wood End Road,
Erdington.
Birmingham
West Midlands.
B24 8BL

Or **by emailing:** enquiry@queensbury.eiat.org.uk (**REF: Queensbury Consultation**)

A consultation response form can be found at the end of this document and can be used if anyone would like to send their comments in **writing** or by **email**.

FAO: TRUST BOARD

REF: *Queensbury Consultation*

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Further detail:

- Relocate 84 Post 16 places to new refurbished site (Osborne Site).
- Increase Provision of Post 16 from 84 to 96 in 2023-2024.
- Develop an SLD / ASC building on Queensbury Schools current site (Refurbishment of old Sixth Form building)
- Increase secondary school placements for students with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD), Autism (ASC) and Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs to support Local Authority SEND High needs placements in Birmingham.
- Increase total number of SEND places at Queensbury School

Thank you for taking the time to send us your thoughts on these proposals.

Consultation Response Form

Please help us to analyse your response by completing the following:

Your name (*optional*): _____

Your contact details (*optional, if you would like a reply*)

Are you in favour of the proposal? (please circle / highlight one):

YES

NO

DON'T KNOW

Your interest in the proposal (please indicate one of the below):

Pupil	
Parent	
School Governor	
School Staff	
Other (please specify)	

Please provide your comments to the proposal.

Please send to FAO: **TRUST BOARD – REF: *Queensbury Consultation***,

Queensbury School, Wood End Road, Erdington. Birmingham West Midlands. B24 8BL.

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