

High Needs Mitigations & DBV Update

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High Needs Mitigation work



Development of new and additional Resource Bases in our local schools (Foster Park is live now, Edmund Waller will go live Sept 2023, Launcelot-consultation just completed)



Expansion of places in special schools: Drumbeat Turnham site- 45 places by September 2023, 18 children joined in Jan 2023; Watergate satellite site at Laydwell, further intake in July 2023



Tighter monitoring related to independent special out of borough placements, ensuring the maintained sector in and out of borough is exhausted first



Review of funding arrangements and agreements for Further Education College placements, including introduction of provision maps



Termly reviews of banding for individual children with all our special schools

DfE's Delivering Better Value Programme (DBV)

- **DBV Programme Objective:** to implement sustainable changes that improve support and outcomes for children and young people with SEND, as well as to improve financial stability of local authorities' High Needs Block budgets
- **Short Term:** identifying sustainable changes that can be made by a local area which result in better quality support and outcomes for children and young people with SEND. These are identified through a rigorous diagnostic evidence base, and a DfE grant is supporting their implementation.
- **Long Term:** Building an objective evidence base across a third of the sector, which can be used to Inform future policy and reforms, build a national playbook & share best practice and inform future national programmes of similar scale and intent

DBV –local context

- We are in Tranche 3 with 13 other LA's
- Our data for the last 6 years has been submitted on the 09.06.23
- This data will now be analysed by the Newton team and 'diagnostics' of the data will take place, highlighting areas for possible mitigation work
- Work with partners and key stakeholders will take place , reviewing key findings and developing opportunities in terms of key spend and outcomes for C&YP with EHCPs