

| Schools Forum | | | |
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| REPORT TITLE | High Needs Sub Group - New Woodlands School Transition Plan | | |
| KEY DECISION | No | Item No. | 6 |
| WARD | N/A | | |
| CLASS | Part 1 | Date | 15 March 2018 |

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the current position of the Lewisham Primary Phase Alternative Provision as a result of the New Woodlands School transition plan which was put in place in September 2016.
- 1.2 This report also sets out the views from the High Needs Sub Group (HNSG) and Schools Forum on the proposal to temporarily commission the Lambeth Primary PRU to provide Primary Alternative provision places for Lewisham children and make arrangements for transport to the provision. Members of the Forum should note that this arrangement will be required until September 2019 when it is proposed that a permanent solution to Lewisham Primary Phase Alternative Provision is implemented.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Schools Forum is recommended to:-
- 2.2 Agree that schools pay 50% of the transport cost for the child referred to in section 3 of this paper to attend the Lambeth Primary PRU and that this be capped at £4,875.

3. Primary Phase Alternative Provision Transition Plan 2017-2018

- 3.1 For the remainder of this academic year, 10 revolving door intervention placements will be available at the Lambeth Primary PRU, via local authority referral. From September 2019, the permanent Primary phase Alternative Provision will be formed in Lewisham.
- 3.2 Schools will voluntarily pay towards the placement cost from the AWPU for the child referred to the Primary PRU, based on the length of the placement.
- 3.3 At the Schools Forum on 17th January 2018, the matter was discussed that schools would pay 50% of the transport cost for the child to attend the Lambeth Primary PRU would be capped at £4,875. However, this was deferred on the basis of looking at the contingency funding for the next meeting.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 That the local authority continue to work on the transition plan and preparation for the primary pupil referral unit to be transferred under new management in Lewisham by September 2019.

5. Further Information

- 5.1 Should you require any additional information regarding the items contained in this report please contact:

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