

Invitation for Proposers to bid for a new 2FE Primary School in Burnt Oak

Notice is given in accordance with section 7(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that The London Borough of Barnet as the Local Authority (LA) invites proposals to establish a new mainstream school.

Information required to be included in an Invitation to Bid Complete Proposal to establish a mainstream school: extract of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools)(England) Regulations 2007 (as amended).

1. Why does Barnet need a new school?

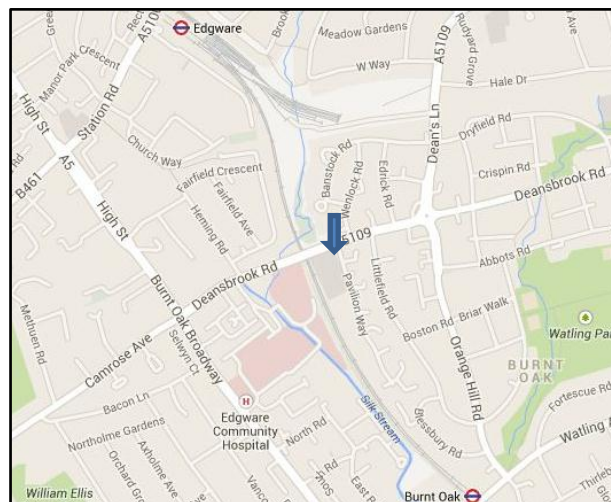
The birth rate in Barnet has increased by 28% between 2002/3 to 2010/11, leading to increased demand for school places across the Borough. Barnet has invested in excess of £90m in a primary school investment programme to create over 3000 permanent school places since 2009, but further investment is needed to meet future demand.

The proposed new 2FE school is part of the Department for Education's Targeted Basic Need fund which was launched to provide additional support to those local authorities experiencing the greatest pressure on places. The proposed new school is intended to work in partnership alongside local schools to meet the needs of the Barnet community.

The proposed new 2FE school is subject to planning approval.

2. Where will the new school be located?

The proposed location for the new school is a 0.8 hectare site in:
Pavilion Way, Burnt Oak, Edgware, HA8 9YA



The school is expected to predominantly serve families in the west of the Borough, particularly helping to meet demand in the Colindale/Burnt Oak area which has already seen significant population growth. Over the next 10-15 years, substantial investment in new homes and housing is proposed, and two schools within the Grahame Park area have already been expanded by 2FE each, at a cost of £14m to the Council. Information on the Grahame Park regeneration scheme can be found here: www.genesisha.org.uk/regeneration/grahame_park.aspx

In addition to pupil growth from the regeneration project, the rising birth rate and popularity of Barnet schools means there is additional demand in this area that remains unmet. The Pavilion Way site has been identified to provide additional primary provision for the community.

The site is easily accessible to the local community by local transport and is a short walking distance to densely populated residential areas. The site is served by the following bus routes: 303, 628, 642, 302, 305, 32, 142, 292, 605, 204, 251, 606, and 114, is 0.9 miles from Burnt Oak Underground Station and 1.1 miles from Edgware Underground Station on the Northern Line. Children and families will be encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport to access school.

The school would be fully Disability Discrimination Act compliant and be fully inclusive of all cultures and faiths.

The land is owned freehold by the London Borough of Barnet. Upon completion of the competition process, the Local Authority would transfer its interest in the site, buildings or premises to the school's trustees, foundation body or governing body, as appropriate.

There is no specific requirement from the local authority for any specialism for this proposed primary school; however, the Council has recently invested £14m in expanding provision to include a state-of-the-art "Gold Star Centre" performing arts facility at nearby The Orion Primary School.

3. When will the new school open?

The proposed new school is expected to provide places to its first Reception cohort from September 2015. The school will then take in an additional cohort of pupils each year until it reaches its full capacity in September 2021.

All new schools for which LAs have applied for funding from the Targeted Basic Need Programme need to follow the Academy Presumption timetable set out in Annex A of the DfE website here: www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/schoolorganisation/f00209212/academy-free-school-presumption

4. Who will the new school serve?

The proposed new school should provide 60 places per year group (2FE) and cater for children ages 4-11 years old. At full capacity the school should provide for 420 children from Reception to Year 6.

The Council does not have plans to provide early years provision at the proposed new school.

The Published Admission Number will be 60. From 1 September 2015, 60 Reception pupils would be admitted to the school each year. The school would have capacity for up to 420 pupils on roll in September 2021.

The school would be co-educational and admit both boys and girls. The Council would prefer the school to be fully inclusive to serve all children from the diverse local community.

Barnet benefits from excellent relationships with its schools and intends to continue to promote and support collaboration between all schools in the Borough. The proposer should describe how they will work with the authority and local schools to offer a partnership approach to education in Barnet. They should describe any specialist services and extra-curricular activities they will provide, and any additional facilities they may intend to provide to deliver this.

The school will not have dedicated SEN provision, but is expected to operate in a fully inclusive manner.

The capital costs supplied for the proposed new school by the EFA through the Targeted Basic Need Fund will be approximately £4.5m. The Council will meet additional costs of the project above this.

5. What are the key requirements?

Proposals should meet the requirements set out below. Those that meet these criteria will be preferred, but those that do not comply with all the requirements will still be considered.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS	
Size	2FE, Published Admission Number (PAN) of 60 pupils
Age Range	4-11 years old (Reception to Year 6)
Opening Date	First cohort of 60 pupils admitted to Reception in September 2015
Type of School	Co-educational, fully-inclusive academy/free school catering to the needs of the diverse local community.
Site	Pavilion Way, Burnt Oak, Edgware, HA8 9YA
Funding	Funding has been secured from the DfE through the Targeted Basic Need Funding programme. Additional costs will be met by the Council.
Local Authority Area	London Borough of Barnet

6. How will Barnet choose a preferred proposer?

A stakeholder group will be convened to scrutinise all responses received and select a preferred sponsor. As set out in the Department for Education's Academy/Free School Presumption Guidance (July 2013), proposals will be assessed using three criteria:

- **CAPACITY AND QUALITY OF PROVIDER:** to include the proposer's strategic direction, clear aspiration and vision for the school, education capacity and performance, financial planning and operational capacity, and effective and transparent governance procedures.
- **VALUE FOR MONEY:** to include the proposer's evidenced ability to deliver this project on time, to secure best value for money, and to maintain financial viability.
- **CAPABILITY TO DRIVE STANDARDS:** to include the proposer's capability to promote high standards, measure success, and innovate to drive system change to improve performance and meet the needs of pupils with differing abilities.

To make this assessment, Barnet Council will use the following weighted evaluation criteria:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	
CAPACITY AND QUALITY OF PROVIDER	WEIGHTING
A - Strength of education vision and education plan	
A1 - Vision and ethos	25%
A2 - Balanced and viable curriculum plan	
A3 – Timetable	
A4 – Admissions	
A5 - Sustainable transport	
B - Commitment to community provision and partnership working	
B1 - Community provision	10%
B2 - Partnership working	
C – Educational Capacity	
C1 - Staffing structure	15%
C2 - Financial management	
C3 – Governance structure	
VALUE FOR MONEY	
D - Value for money	
D1 – Value-for-money	10%
D2 – Financial viability	
CAPABILITY TO DRIVE STANDARDS	

E - Accessible primary education	
E1 - Primary experience	15%
E2 - Accessible to wide range of children	
F - Inclusive policies and practice	
F1 - Pupils of differing abilities	10%
F2 - Behaviour management, pupil wellbeing, attendance	
G - Educational and financial capability	
G1 - Educational capability	15%
G2 - Accessing educational expertise	
G3 - Accessing financial expertise	

7. How do proposers submit a proposal?

The completed application form available at the end of this specification should be completed and returned to:

Val White, Lead Commissioner for Schools, Skills and Learning
 Chief Executive's Office, Barnet Council
 North London Business Park, Building 4
 Oakleigh Road South
 Barnet, London
 N11 1NP

Alternatively, completed applications can be submitted by email at: newschool@barnet.gov.uk

All applications must be received by **12:00 noon on 30th September 2013**.

The Secretary of State will only consider entering into a funding agreement with an approved sponsor. Consequently, new proposers will need to be assessed by the department through the normal sponsor approval route. Proposers who are not known to the DfE will need to go through this process before submitting a formal proposal. Information on the DfE's sponsor approval process can be found here:

www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/typesofschools/academies/sponsors/a00204913/academy-sponsor-application

8. What happens next?

The closing date for proposals is **12:00 noon on 30th September 2013**.

Barnet will provide details of all proposals received to the DfE by 4 October.

Barnet will complete an assessment of proposals and decide on a preferred during the week commencing 7 October 2013. This may involve proposers being invited to interview during this week.

Barnet will inform the Secretary of State of the outcome of this process by 18 October 2013.

The DfE should confirm the preferred sponsor and funding allocations for the new school by 12 December 2013. Please note that whilst Barnet Council can recommend a preferred sponsor, the final decision is made by the Secretary of State.

9. Additional information

All proposals submitted in response to this competition notice must contain the information specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) (England) regulations 2007. Please note that information specified in Part 3 of Schedule 5 will be published in accordance with regulation 8.

The local authority will meet the capital costs of implementing the proposal for a 420 place primary school as described above.

The London Borough of Barnet will comply with all statutory consultation procedures regarding establishment of the new school.