



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
**KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA**

INVITATION TO SUBMIT A FREE SCHOOL PRESUMPTION APPLICATION FORM FOR BARLBY SPECIAL SCHOOL, KENSINGTON

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea has established the need for a new Special School to support pupils with severe Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD), and is procuring the construction of a brand new building, scheduled for completion in **September 2020**.

Under Section 6A of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (the 'free school presumption') where a local authority identifies the need to establish a new school it must, in the first instance, seek proposals to establish an academy.

For further information, please see:

- Appendix 1 – Business Case and Specification
- Appendix 2 – Plans and Visuals for the School

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is therefore seeking proposals from appropriate sponsors to open this new free school. The school would be deemed a free school.

- Appendix 3 – Free School Presumption Application Form

Application Forms must be returned by 6 July 2018, to the address shown below.

Shortlisted candidates will be attending an interview with officers and elected members of the Royal Borough during **the week beginning 16 July 2018** at which they will be asked to make a short presentation outlining the features of their proposal.

A decision will be made by **7 September 2018** for submission to the Secretary of State for Education.

The Regional Schools Commissioner, on behalf of the Secretary for State, will consider the Council's assessment and recommendation before deciding whether or not to approve the Council's recommendation. The RSC will inform the local authority and the successful proposer of its decision, and the Council will inform any unsuccessful proposers.



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If you would like further information or wish to discuss your proposal, or to submit your completed Free School Presumption application form, please contact:

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