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Public Consultation: Proposed Specialist Educational Provision

At Griffin School Griffin Primary School, Stewarts Road, London SW8 4JB

Consultation Period: Friday 22nd May 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026

Proposer: Griffin Primary School in partnership with Wandsworth Local Authority

Proposed Opening Date: September 2026

1. Overview of the Proposal

The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT) in partnership with Wandsworth Local Authority, is conducting a public consultation regarding a significant change proposal for Griffin Primary School.

To address the immediate, critical shortage of local specialist spaces for the upcoming academic year, we are proposing to open a dual-component specialist resource provision on the academy site in **September 2026**.

The proposal includes:

- **An 8-place Specialist Provision for Reception (YR) pupils** with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) identifying Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) as their primary need.

Why is this required for September 2026?

Data from the Local Authority's latest SEND Sufficiency strategy highlights an immediate and unprecedented surge in families requiring specialized Autism Reception places. In response to this urgent demand, the TEFAT and Wandsworth Local Authority are collaborating closely to establish these 8 places locally. This ensures that vulnerable children entering Reception this autumn are not forced into long, stressful daily commutes out of their local area.

2. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Will this affect my child's place in the mainstream school for September 2026?

No. Mainstream class sizes and the existing Published Admission Number (PAN) will remain exactly the same. The 8 specialist places are completely additional and are rings-fenced for this provision.

Is there enough time to prepare the school building by September 2026?

Yes. Internal adaptations and the installation of low-arousal learning areas will be carried out over the summer break to ensure the facility is completely ready for the new intake.



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How will these places be allocated for this autumn?

Admissions will not follow the standard academy admissions policy. Places are being allocated directly by Wandsworth LA's central SEND process in consultation with our leadership team, based on children scheduled to start school in September 2026 who hold an eligible EHCP or developmental profile.

3. Benefits for the Academy and Community

The Trust views this as a vital and highly positive expansion for [Insert Academy Name]:

- **Immediate Local Support:** Provides a rapid, high quality solution for local families who would otherwise face an uncertain educational start this September.
- **Specialist Resources:** Brings immediate investment into the academy, including specialised training, sensory equipment, and a high ratio of expert staff, benefiting our wider inclusive school environment.
- **Transition Alignment:** Allows early intervention for Reception aged children, ensuring a seamless, familiar transition into primary school life.

4. Have Your Say: How to Respond

Because of the accelerated timeline to meet the **September 2026** launch, your timely feedback is incredibly important. The Trust must review all feedback before submitting our fast-tracked Significant Change Business Case to the Department for Education's Regional Director.

Ways to submit your views:

1. **By Email:** Send your response to admin@griffinprimary.org with the subject line "*Griffin Primary School Sept 2026 Provision Consultation*".
2. **In Writing:** Address letters to:

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5. Next Steps and Timeline

Phase	Description	Estimated Timeline
Phase 1	Four-week Public Consultation (Current Stage)	June 2026
Phase 2	Analysis of feedback and publication of Consultation Report	End of June 2026
Phase 3	Fast-tracked Business Case submission to DfE Regional Director	Early July 2026
Phase 4	DfE Determination & Summer Estates preparation	July – August 2026
Phase 5	Official Opening & First Intake of Pupils	September 2026

This consultation will inform the DfE Regional Director decision on whether to agree to this provision. The Trust, the school and Wandsworth LA are in agreement but the final decision will be with the DfE.