

## Schools Forum – 29th November 2018

### Interim 6 Day Provision for Excluded Primary Students

---

#### Introduction

The Education (Provision of Full-Time Education for Excluded Pupils) (England) Regulations 2007, amended by the Education Regulations 2014 state that ‘For permanent exclusions, the local authority must arrange suitable full-time education for the pupil to begin no later than the sixth school day of the exclusion.’

#### The Current Position

Torbay’s sixth day provision is arranged through the Mayfield-Chestnut Setting. This is a combined SEMH special school and exclusion provision. There is not a specific number of places for excluded students.

There are 7 excluded students at the Chestnut setting (6 are in Key Stage 2) at a cost of £147,595.00 pa.

All except one either have an EHCP or have had a request for statutory assessment accepted and will shortly have an EHCP. This has led to Mayfield-Chestnut being at capacity with SEMH EHCP students and left no capacity for sixth day provision.

The child without an EHCP will need to be reintegrated to a mainstream school in the short term.

Exclusions					SEN Need					Year Group			
Gender		SEN			Gender		SEN						
M	F	EHCP	Current RSA	K	M	F	EHCP	SEMH	ASD	3	4	5	6
5	2	4	2	1	13	4	14	14	2	1	6	3	7

Additionally, six children are on packages of support. (£76,497.00) These packages of support vary from 1 hour to 2.5 days a week. Some of this is specialist intervention such as horse therapy. It should be recognised that this work is outcomes led. Therefore the specific provision is not key. It is hoped that specific provision assessing the needs of excluded students may reduce the cost for future exclusions.

#### The Need for Change

This group of excluded students do not benefit from being ‘held’ in an SEMH setting where the children who have a permanent place have greater need of this specific support.

Similarly, it is disruptive to the outcomes for students in the SEMH provision when a number of children are entering and leaving the setting from exclusion.

As Mayfield-Chestnut is full on SEMH placements the education community in Torbay needs to identify a 6 day provision.

There is a disappointing reintegration rate into mainstream primary settings for children without EHCPs. With only 2 successful reintegrations vice 11 exclusions.

### **Proposed Provision**

1. Mayfield-Chestnut step up a provision based at Occombe House for 6<sup>th</sup> day provision funded at £100,000.
2. This provision is for a maximum of 6 students on 12 week placements with a clear expectation of a return to a mainstream setting at this point.
3. The provision is established from January 2019 to January 2020 to allow a permanent provision to be established with interested parties.
4. Mayfield will use existing budgets to provide 6<sup>th</sup> day cover until January 2019 and some initial set up costs
5. Any staffing in place but not utilised due to low numbers of exclusions will support the work of IOSS.
6. Whilst not a reduction in pressure on the High Needs Block the provision will be £100,000 for 6 places vice the current cost of £147,595.

### **Recommendation**

That the proposed provision is stood up as above.

**Rachael Williams**

**Assistant Director, Education, Learning and Skills**