Public Consultation

Proposal to establish satellite Post-16 provision at the Greenscope building, Bromsgrove, and to increase the number of pupils at Rigby Hall School to 266

The four-week representation period commences on Tuesday 10th November 2026 and closes at **noon on Tuesday 8th December 2026**. It is very important that all those wishing to respond to this proposal do so within this timeframe to allow their comments to be considered by the decision maker.

Responses can be made on-line via the following link:

Rigby Hall School - Post-16 Satellite Provision and Increase in Number of Pupils on Roll – Fill in form

Should you require a paper copy of this survey, please contact the school office or email spp@worcestershire.gov.uk

Introduction

Worcestershire County Council is proposing to make a significant change to Rigby Hall School under the 'Making Significant Changes (Prescribed Alterations) to Maintained Schools : Statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers, August 2025'.[1]

Worcestershire County Council must follow a statutory process for making significant changes to schools.

This document contains all the relevant information to allow interested parties to decide whether to support the proposed change.

- What is proposed
- Why it is being proposed
- Details of how the decision will be made
- How to submit a response

School Details

Address:	Rigby Hall School, Rigby Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 2EP
Status:	Community Special School
Commissioned places:	215 (September 2025)

[1] Making significant changes ('prescribed alterations') to maintained schools

Background Information

Worcestershire County Council, as the Local Authority responsible for education provision, has a statutory responsibility to make sure that there are sufficient places for all children in Worcestershire who wish to attend a state funded school. This includes securing provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Rigby Hall School is located in the Bromsgrove District.

The school is one of nine state funded Special Schools in Worcestershire. It is designated as a generic Special School catering for children and young people between the ages of 4 and 19 (Reception to Post 16) who have a wide range of learning difficulties including autism, communication difficulties and other needs that are better met within specialist provision

All pupils attending will have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that identifies that they require Special School education provision.

Rigby Hall School is graded by Ofsted as fulfilling the expected standard of education.

From January 2022 to January 2026, the number of pupils taught at Rigby Hall School increased by 13.7%, from 197 to 224.

	Number of Pupils on Roll (Jan. School Census)				
School	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**
Rigby Hall School	197	204	212	215	224

Between January 2021 and January 2026, the number of young people in the 16- to 19-year-old age group in Worcestershire who have an EHCP increased from 939 to 1,663. This is an increase of 77%. In January 2026, in Bromsgrove district, there were 220 young people aged 16-19 years old who had an EHCP. At Rigby Hall School, there were 20 pupils on roll in their post-16 provision in January 2026.

Whilst the need for additional places at Rigby Hall School continues to increase, due to the design and location of the school it is not possible to make any permanent changes to the building that would create additional pupil places in the future.

What is proposed

It is proposed that Rigby Hall School will relocate its Post-16 students to the former Greenscope building, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove. This is termed a 'satellite site'.

The total number of pupils at Rigby Hall will increase to 266, with up to 226 pupils in years Reception to Year 11 based at the school's main site, and up to 40 Post-16 students based at the satellite site.

The Greenscope building is located 1.8 miles from Rigby Hall School and is adjacent to Meadows First and Parkside Middle Schools.

The building was most recently used as a horticultural facility for adults with learning disabilities. This provision closed some years ago and the site, which remained in the ownership of Worcestershire County Council, has been unoccupied since then.

It is proposed that the Greenscope building be refurbished to provide an alternative, satellite base for Rigby Hall's post-16 students. The accommodation will include high-quality teaching spaces, dedicated sensory room, student cafeteria and common room.

The satellite post-16 provision will operate as an extension of the main school site, ensuring continuity, consistency, and strong links with existing services and staff. Students will

continue to access their Worcestershire County Council transport as usual, arriving at the main school site before being transferred across the short distance to the satellite provision by minibus in time to begin their day at 9:30am. Likewise, at the end of the day, students will be transferred back to Rigby Hall at 2.30pm, to support their transition and minimising the impact of traffic around the satellite site.

A staggered start time will be implemented at the Rigby Hall site, with the aim of minimising disruption for neighbouring residents and the surrounding community. By carefully adjusting arrival and departure times, the school seeks to reduce peak traffic congestion, ease pressure on local roads, and support a safer environment for students, staff, and visitors.

The cafeteria area at the satellite site will also be accessible to the public as part of a social enterprise initiative, with a café and retail element where students can gain real life experience by serving customers and selling produce. The surrounding grounds will include accessible gardens, enabling students to grow plants and produce, further supporting vocational learning, sustainability awareness, and enterprise skills, while fostering a sense of achievement and connection to the wider community.

Positioned within walking distance of Bromsgrove town centre, the satellite Post-16 provision offers students meaningful access to a wide range of community and commercial opportunities that support their preparation for adulthood. This integration into the local area fosters a strong sense of belonging and ensures that students are not only learning within their provision but are active and valued members of their community.

Why is it being proposed

Demand for places at Rigby Hall Special School is forecast to continue to rise.

Relocating the Post-16 cohort to the Greenscope building will create up to 18 additional places for students in this age range.

Furthermore, the teaching space vacated at Rigby Hall School's main site will become available for other cohorts of pupils, creating up to 24 additional places across year groups Reception to Year 11.

The satellite provision will allow Rigby Hall to offer its Post-16 students new opportunities for vocational learning, develop their connection to the wider community and support their preparation for adulthood.

How the decision will be made

The four-week representation period commences on Tuesday 10th November 2026 and closes at noon on Tuesday 8th December 2026. A Public Notice has been published in the local newspaper, as well as at the school.

The following stakeholders will also be directly notified:

- Parents and carers of pupils attending the school
- Staff and Governors of the school
- Neighbouring schools
- Local, District and County Councillors
- Immediate neighbours
- Local Member of Parliament
- Cabinet Member Responsible for Education
- Any other known local stakeholders

At the conclusion of this consultation period the Local Authority will consider all responses to this Statutory Proposal and Public Notice. Any objections to the proposal will be considered by the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education before a final decision is made as to whether to proceed with the proposal. If no objections are received, the final decision will be made by the Director of Children's Services. The final decision must be made within a period of two months. However, the aim is for a decision to be made by 18th December 2026.

How to submit a response

Responses can be made online via the following link and must be received by **noon on Tuesday 8th December 2026.**

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The questionnaire can also be accessed by scanning the QR code below: -



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