

Annex B: Impact Assessment

Background on the St Marylebone Bridge School

1. The St Marylebone Bridge School is a special school which will, when full, have an intake of 84 pupils aged 11–19. It will provide for students with Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). The proposers are an existing mainstream secondary academy for girls with SEN specialism judged outstanding by Ofsted, the St Marylebone Church of England School. The special school, though separate, will be closely affiliated with the St Marylebone Bridge School through some shared governors, staff and some resources. This important link will allow pupils to benefit from the main school's commitment to outstanding and inclusive educational provision, without affecting current pupils' access to learning resources in any way. Through the mainstream school's existing expertise in SEN they will share resources where possible. The affiliation with the main school will offer the possibility for easy and planned integration and enrichment, where meaningful and appropriate.

Admissions

2. The Admissions Code is not applicable to special free schools. All students admitted to The St Marylebone Bridge School must have a Statement identifying a specific special need for communication and interpersonal skills. Students are likely to have been diagnosed with SLCN.

Impact on other schools in the area

3. As The St Marylebone Bridge School is a special school it does not have a defined catchment area and referrals will be made through its own and surrounding Local Authorities.
4. For the purpose of this assessment we have created a proxy catchment area of special schools within a 3 mile radius from the free school. This is because parents would be prepared to travel a greater distance because of the specialist nature of the school.
5. Below is a table showing the likely impact of the proposed school on special schools within Westminster. It is our view that because of the size and specialism of the proposed free school, it is expected to have a minimal impact on all special schools

located in Westminster and its neighbouring boroughs.

Westminster Special Educational Needs	Pupil Numbers
Statement of SEN	770
School Action	3,009
School Action Plus	2,776
Total Number Of Pupils (with statement of SN, School Action & School Action Plus)	6,555

Secondary Impact

All Special schools with a secondary phase and within a three mile radius are listed in the table directly below. We have assessed that the new free school will have a Minimal Impact on all these schools. This is because the St Marylebone Bridge School will be a specialist centre for SLCN. Westminster City Council has confirmed its endorsement of this assessment and that this new provision is needed to fill a gap in Westminster’s secondary special provision.

Secondary School Name	Type of SEN Catered For	Establishment type (i.e. Non Maintained Special School, Independent Special School)	Distance from Free School Site (miles)
Abingdon House School	1) SpLD	Other Independent Special School	0.7
Children's Hospital School at Gt Ormond Street and UCH	1) Hospital School	Foundation Special School	1.4

Secondary School Name	Type of SEN Catered For	Establishment type (i.e. Non Maintained Special School, Independent Special School)	Distance from Free School Site (miles)
College Park School	1) ASD, Moderate Learning Difficulty	Community Special School	1.7
Swiss Cottage School - Development & Research Centre	1) PD, 2) Moderate Learning Difficulty	Community Special School	1.8
Chalcot School	1) BESD	Community Special School	1.8
Frank Barnes School for Deaf Children	1) HI	Community Special School	1.8
Evelina Hospital School	1) Hospital School	Community Special School	2.0
Fairley House School	1) SpLD	Other Independent Special School	2.1
Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee School	1) SLD	Community Special School	2.2
Samuel Rhodes MLD School	1) Moderate Learning Difficulty	Community Special School	2.3
Gloucester House the Tavistock Children's Day Unit	1) BESD	Other Independent Special School	2.4
Royal Free Hospital Children's School	1) Hospital School	Community Special School	2.5
Richard Cloudesley PH School	1) PD	Community Special School	2.5
The Westside Independent School	1) BESD, Moderate Learning Difficulty	Other Independent Special School	2.5
Frederick Hugh House	1) Moderate Learning Difficulty, 2) SLCN, 3) PD	Other Independent Special School	2.5

Secondary School Name	Type of SEN Catered For	Establishment type (i.e. Non Maintained Special School, Independent Special School)	Distance from Free School Site (miles)
Snowflake School	1) ASD	Other Independent Special School	2.6
Octavia House	No SEN priority recorded	Other Independent Special School	2.6
Chelsea Community Hospital School	1) Hospital School	Community Special School	2.7
The Bridge School	1) ASD, 2) Delicate Medical Problems, HI, PMLD	Community Special School	2.8
Beormund Primary School	1) BESD	Community Special School	3.0