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Principal: Mrs P Bohacek

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Dear SEND Colleagues,

Re: Closure of West Heath School's Boarding provision on the 19th July 2025

It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you that West Heath School will be closing its Boarding provision, at the end of this academic year, on the 19th July 2025. Unfortunately, this provision is no longer financially viable. The current financial climate around SEND placements is such that there has been a significant decline from the Local Authorities in the commissioning of Residential places. It has left the School with no other option but to close this element of our provision. When West Heath School started 28 years ago, we had capacity for 30 Residential students. This academic year we have only 7 students in our Boarding provision. I am sure that you can appreciate that as a charity and SEND School, we are not able to sustain such a loss.

We understand that like us, you will be hugely disappointed with this change. However, we will continue to offer the very best SEND provision as an Independent Non-Maintained Special Day School for young people with SEMH and significant SEMH, aged 10 to 20 years old.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for the collaborative working relationship that we have enjoyed over the years and your support. The holistic needs of our children continue to be at the heart of every decision we take. **We look forward to receiving your consultations for Day Placements, in the usual way via [Admissions](#).**

Once again, I would like to reiterate our sadness at having to take this option and I thank you for your support. I am proud of the progress and outcomes that our young people achieve at West Heath School and by continuing our collaborative partnership, I know that together we will be able to have a significant impact on the lives and future of some of the most vulnerable young people in society, that we have the privilege to support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Photini Bohacek



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