

# BRIEFING PAPER

**SUBJECT:** Alternative Learning Provision – The Compass School  
**DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
**RECIPIENT:** Schools Forum

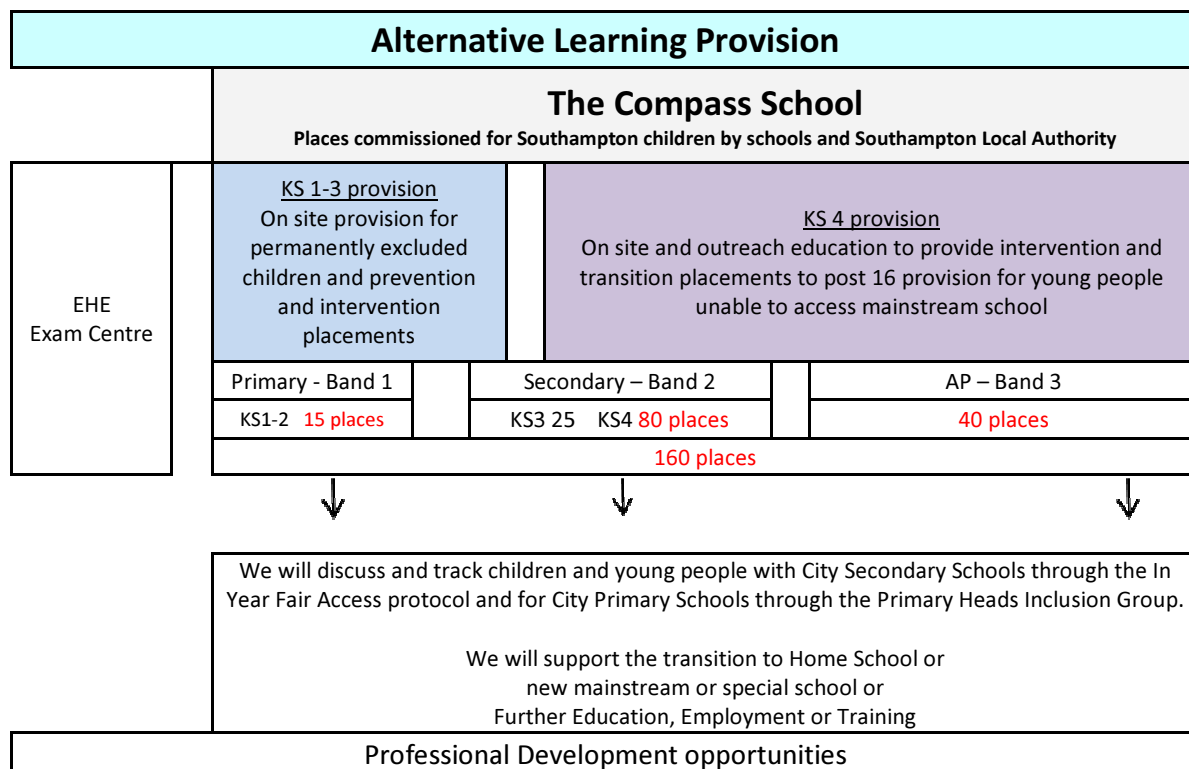
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### SUMMARY:

1. This report outlines how placements will be commissioned at The Compass School (ALP) 2014/15

### BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

2. The Compass School will continue to:
  - Provide a service for up to 160 students not accessing mainstream or special school at KS 1-4 including
    - A school for children permanently excluded from their mainstream school
    - Intervention placements to support children at risk of exclusion
    - Outreach tuition for young people unable to access on site provision
    - An Intervention Programme through Yr 11, for up to 40 students disengaged from mainstream school
  - Provide an Exam Centre for Year 11 EHE students to sit GCSE and other accredited exams
3. The diagram below shows the proposed provision:



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4. The Compass School receives a delegated budget funded from the High Needs Block and payments from schools. The level of budget they have includes all services delegated to other schools including finance, payroll, HR and ICT. Funding has been reworked as follows in line with DfE regulations:

- Compass School will be funded for 160 places.
- Each place will attract a base level of funding of £8,000 from the High Needs Block.
- Top-up funding per pupil will be paid by the commissioner of the place (either the local authority or a school) on the basis of three place types – Band 1, 2 and 3.

5. It is proposed that top-up charges for schools placing pupils in 2014/15 will be:

Service option	Price per unit
Statutory or Centrally-funded Service	No charge
Band 1 - KS1/2 Dual Roll Placement (Cost per week)	£115 (plus £33 Pupil Premium)
Band 2 - KS3/4 Dual Roll Placement (Cost per week)	£140 (plus £24 Pupil Premium)
Band 3 - Alternative Pathway	£6,300 (plus £935 Pupil Premium)
Bespoke Packages and supported transition	To be negotiated

6. The LA will commission placements for

- All permanently excluded pupils from mainstream school.
- 40 complex Year 11 students no longer engaging in mainstream education (one off charge to schools of £6,300 toward the total cost of £16,796) or complex new to city, on roll at Alternative Pathways.

7. When a pupil is permanently excluded the school will lose the per pupil and Pupil Premium funding for that child.

8. It should also be noted that any additional costs of pupils with statements or Education, Health and Care Plans on dual role will be charged by the Compass School to the commissioning school. Schools are responsible for the first £6,000 of additional support e.g. LSA time. Any additional High Needs costs will be reimbursed to the commissioning school by the local authority from the High Needs Budget.

9. Recommendations

Schools Forum are asked to note the proposed provision and pricing for Alternative Learning Provision.

## Appendices/Supporting Information:

None

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