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Planning

Specification for On-Site Alternative Provision (AP) at The East Manchester Academy

The East Manchester Academy

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Scope

Description

The East Manchester Academy (TEMA) is a mainstream secondary school with approximately 1050 pupils, located in Beswick, Manchester. We are committed to inclusion and early intervention to support all learners. The school has identified a need for a dedicated on-site AP to cater for up to 20 pupils who struggle to access mainstream education.

We require an experienced, suitably qualified provider to design, deliver, and manage an on-site alternative provision. This will involve:

- Providing structured education, pastoral care, and behaviour support for up to 20 pupils aged 11-16.
- Operating during standard school hours and term times.
- Collaborating with school staff and external agencies as appropriate.

The provider must:

- Deliver a curriculum aligned with the national curriculum (including English, Maths, and PSHE). This will be delivered by existing TEMA staff as part of their normal timetable.
- Support behaviour improvement, attendance, and pupil well-being.
- Provide staff trained in trauma-informed approaches and behaviour management.
- Offer tailored interventions and reintegration support where appropriate.
- Maintain safeguarding, health & safety, and data protection in line with school policies

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2028
- Possible extension to 31 August 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 September 2025

Engagement process description

Publish Tender Notice (UK4): 15th September - 3rd October.

Deadline for Submission of Clarification Questions: Tuesday 23rd September

Publication of Clarification Responses: Friday 26th September

The closing date for quotations to be received is 4PM on Friday 3rd October 2025 and bids should remain open for 60 days.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

15 September 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

The East Manchester Academy

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVTL-2185-GWPH

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