



19<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Staff, Governors, Parents and Stakeholders of Sarum Academy

**Re: Consultation regarding a proposed Springfields Academy satellite provision at Sarum Academy, Salisbury from January 2019.**

Invitation to an information evening on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm at Sarum Academy

Springfields is a Reach South Academy for 140 young people aged 5-19, predominantly diagnosed with ASD who have the potential to access a primary/secondary curriculum. The Academy specialises in enabling anxious, vulnerable young people, who can demonstrate complex social and emotional responses, to access and enjoy their learning. At Springfields, we are always looking for the right opportunities to share and develop our expertise and drive, so that we can further meet the needs of children and their families.

Following a review of population changes and overall special school provision in the County, Wiltshire Council concluded that there was the need for additional special school provision for ASD/SEMH pupils in the South of Wiltshire and invited expressions of interest in opening new satellite provision. Reach South Multi Academy Trust and Springfields Academy were successful in the process.

The review of SEN provision included special schools, governors, the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council and senior representation from the Regional Schools Commissioner. A positive outcome of this process was the communication and developing partnerships between Multi Academy Trusts. The result of this is that Magna Learning Partnership at Sarum Academy intend to apply for a licence from the Diocesan Board of Education in order to lease the building and area previously designated for sixth formers, to Springfields Academy. From this site we will provide for a potential maximum of 40 children from Key Stage 1 to 3, predominantly diagnosed with ASD. (Please note that this number would not be the initial starting number)

This will be a point of significant change, and we are now seeking your views and questions as Sarum Academy staff, parents, governors and key stakeholders throughout Wiltshire, so that we can all ensure that there is clarity and that this new provision at Sarum is seen as a positive addition and partner to Sarum Academy's future.

The broader anticipated consequence of this change is that many young people can now be placed in appropriate provision close to their homes and communities. Journeys will be shorter, and young children will be in classrooms, not cars. The name for the proposed new SEND provision is Springfields South.

If you wish to comment on this proposal or ask a question please return the questionnaire by Tuesday October 2nd to [icarley@magnalearningpartnership.org.uk](mailto:icarley@magnalearningpartnership.org.uk) and we will be pleased to welcome you at the Consultation meeting to be held at Sarum Academy on Tuesday October 9th at 6pm.

Yours sincerely

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