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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Bradfield School Integrated Resource Provision Consultation February 2022**

This proposal is in relation to the 2022/23 and later academic years. Bradfield School, part of Tapton School Academy Trust is consulting on plans to open an integrated resource (IR) provision with 12 funded places for Children with Cognition and Learning needs.

The consultation process is open from 4th February to 2nd March 2022. If you wish to give your views you must submit your response during this period. Details of how to submit your views are set out at the end of this document.

Who is involved in the consultation?

- parents/carers of children between the ages of 2 and 16
- other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposal
- other schools and educational establishments in the local area
- the Local Authority

### **Our Vision**

Bradfield School prides itself on its ability to deliver a broad, balanced, and inclusive curriculum where all students thrive. The proposal will provide opportunity for funded place provision within the school for children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) where Cognition and Learning is their primary need.

The introduction of an integrated resource at Bradfield School will mean the school can offer a successful transition for students with this level of need who are moving to Bradfield in Year 7. Developing a specialist resourced provision at Bradfield will be an opportunity to increase expertise within our school community further supporting high quality teaching and increasing the capacity to meet diverse needs and enrich the school population.

### **Rationale for the Proposed Change**

Bradfield School remains committed to our core values to deliver high quality education for all pupils who attend the school. To ensure we achieve this we must consider how we work best to meet the needs of everyone. Tapton School Academy Trust and the area locality fully support the development of SEND provision at Bradfield. Already, this has resulted in increased resources for students with a wide range of additional needs.

Bradfield School has a number of students with significant additional learning needs including those with complex needs requiring an EHCP. Bradfield is often the secondary school of choice for parents and carers in the area. We therefore expect there to be continued demand for an IR unit at Bradfield, and from a city-wide perspective, there is the need to increase and maintain specialist places within mainstream schools.

In addition to having an immediate need to provide resourced provision for existing students in order to meet the statutory requirements set out in their EHCP's, there is demand for resourced provision to support successful transition of primary students in the area including those attending our feeder schools. Without this provision, our young people risk a difficult transition to secondary.

In summary the introduction of an integrated resource provision at Bradfield would support the school journey to provide outstanding SEND provision whilst supporting the Sheffield inclusion strategy to increase specialist places for SEND students.

### **How to Respond to the Consultation**

The consultation runs from 4th February to 2nd March 2022. You are invited to send any responses to the above proposal to our dedicated email [irconsultation@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:irconsultation@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk) or directly in writing to the school at:

Integrated Resource Provision Consultation, Bradfield School, Kirk Edge Road, Worrall, Sheffield S35 0AE.

We will be providing a frequent question and answer document which will be updated throughout the consultation. This will be made available via the school's website.

### **What happens next?**

At the end of the consultation the school and Trust will consider all responses to the proposal in order to support decisions made about the proposed IR provision at Bradfield School. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this proposal.

We remain fully committed to meeting the needs of all students at Bradfield now and in the future.

Best wishes

Adrian May

Headteacher