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## **Temporary change of age range at Hamilton School.**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to tell you about an exciting development at Hamilton School.

The Governing Body of Hamilton School is proposing to consult on the following temporary changes to Hamilton School:

- Alter the Age range from 4 -11 years to 4 – 13 years.
- This will allow year 6 pupils to remain at the school for an additional year in Year 7

As you are aware, the school is rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and currently has 121 primary agreed pupils with ASC. You will also be aware that there is a shortage of places for secondary age pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for Autism Spectrum Condition. By enabling pupils at Hamilton School to remain for an extra year and possibly until the end of year 8, will reduce the pressure on other schools offering ASC places across the city. It is anticipated that the alteration to the age range will be on a temporary basis for up to two years in the first instance starting from September 2023. Birmingham City Council fully support the Governing Body proposal.

No doubt you will have many questions about what this means for your children who are due to go to their secondary school in September 2023 - what happens after the two years, who will be teaching our children, where will they be taught, why is this not a permanent change, to name but a few of the questions.

A full consultation document will be published in January 2023 when the school opens after the Christmas break, which will answer some of your questions. There will also be an opportunity to come and talk to the governors, officers from the Local Authority and senior members of staff at the school in January to answer any questions you may have.

If you have any immediate queries, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to provide you with as much information as I currently have. However, I would ask for your patience for a few more weeks as a lot of the

detail is being worked on which will be shared with you in January – I felt it was important to give you a heads up so that you don't come straight into a consultation at the start of the new year.

I will write to you again when the formal consultation is launched and include details of how to get copies of the complete proposal and instructions on how to submit written comments at that time.

Yours sincerely

Katie Williams  
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