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**To parents/ carers of children attending
Moorgate CP School**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**CONSULTATION TO CREATE A UNIT TO ACCOMMODATE SEND SPECIAL PROVISION AT
MOORGATE CP SCHOOL, 1 ENTWISLE ST, BOLTON. BL2 2RH**

The purpose of this letter is to advise and consult with you about the proposal to create a unit to accommodate SEND special provision at Moorgate CP School, 1 Entwistle St, Bolton. BL2 2RH.

Why is the Local Authority considering a SEND Special Unit at Moorgate CP School?

The proposal is to help young children throughout their primary education by providing targeted support for those with SEND requirements within a traditional mainstream school setting.

SEND special provision units have proved successful in helping pupils integrate into and be supported by a traditional mainstream setting and it is now proposed to provide a similar unit at Moorgate CP to accommodate further SEND special provision.

In around 2018, the Council sought expressions of interest from mainstream schools to offer additional SEND provision for children. Moorgate CP responded with a positive interest and following a selection process were identified as an appropriate school, particularly given its geographical location which balanced well with earlier schemes that had been delivered in Blackrod and Little Lever.

To accommodate this new unit, it is proposed to build a facility as an extension to the existing school building. The new facility will accommodate 6 – 8 primary age pupils within a discrete setting, but with immediate access when required to the main school. There will be an opportunity to offer a separate dedicated and secure access, together with a dedicated drop off/ pick up facility and a proposed new discrete secure outdoor play area. As this is a physical extension of the school it is also subject to planning approval and in this respect, a planning application has recently been approved to extend the school.

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you on the proposal to create a unit to accommodate SEND special provision required under Section 14 of the Education Act 1996.

When would the increase occur?

The number of places available for pupils at Moorgate CP in the SEND provision will be for around 6 – 8 pupils from September 2021.

Where can I find out more information?

The consultation process to create a unit to accommodate SEND Special Provision at the school will run until Monday 1st February 2021. Copies of plans showing the proposed physical extension of the school, which is the subject of the separate planning application are available to view on-line via <https://www.planningpa.bolton.gov.uk> and running a search for 07195/19 which is the reference number for the application.

How do I make my views known?

If you would like to submit any comments on the plans, you should do so in writing to:

Hina Maisuria-Hill, Senior Asset Management Officer, Asset Management and Pupil Place Planning Unit, Department of People, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Bolton. BL1 1RU, or by email to hina.maisuria-hill@bolton.gov.uk

In order to ensure that your comments are considered you should submit this no later than Monday 1st February 2021.

What happens next?

All comments received will be reported to the Executive Member for Children's Services for consideration.

Yours sincerely

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