

22nd February 2024,

Dear parent/carers,

Re: Consultation

We have some exciting news to share. We have recently acquired the space that was Birchwood's public library and we have been considering and investigating different uses for it going forward.

After exploring lots of different options, we have decided that part of the space will be used to extend our Polaris centre and the pastoral provision that we offer to all of our students, and that the rest of the space will be used as a self-contained resource provision for up to 16 ASD students across KS3 and KS4 who require more support than mainstream education can offer them.

In terms of what would change at Birchwood Community High School, there is nothing that would be different to how it is now, the provisions would be housed separately from the main school and there would be new staff appointed to run the provisions. The main school, the systems, the staff, the values and vision – they will all stay the same. There will just be improved provision for some ASD students.

The aim of the trust and the school is to open the provisions on 1 September 2024. If there is any feedback you would like us to consider in terms of this news, then please do fill in the feedback form below by Thursday 7 March 2024.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WJNdd99b0A>

Best wishes and take care,

Yours sincerely



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