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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to share some of the questions asked as part of our consultation relating to the Resource Base at Bordesley Village Primary School. Each question has been answered, and I am sharing this for your information.

Thank you to all who took the time to contribute to the consultation in the summer.

Consultation about establishing a Resource Base for children with autism at Bordesley Village Primary School

Responses to Questions Asked by Respondents to the consultation:

“How children will be selected or referred to the Resource Base?”

Children will be allocated a place in the Resource Base by the Local Authority, Birmingham City Council. Children will have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) which states “Resource Base” provision on Section I, which is what describes the type of the school or other institution suited to meet the child's special educational needs.

“What specialist autism training staff will receive?”

Adults across the Cromwell Learning Community, both Bordesley Village Primary School and Cromwell Junior and Infant School, have already begun to develop their expertise and understanding of supporting children with autism through professional development training. This programme of staff development will continue in the lead up to the Resource Base opening in September 2027, with staff developing their expertise around supporting children with autism further, as well as learning from other Resource Base settings in the city.

“How inclusion and individual support will be balanced?”

A resource base offers inclusion within a mainstream school setting for children who might otherwise not be able to access learning. The needs of each individual child will be different, but the resource base will offer the opportunity for integration within the life of Bordesley Village Primary School wherever appropriate. Each child will be supported to succeed through the provision specified as part of their EHCP.

“Whether long-term funding and resources will be available?”

The resource base will be funded by the Local Authority each year, with additional “High Needs Funding” provided from the Department of Education each year. This additional funding is to fully fund the Resource Base provision on top of the existing resources provided to run the Cromwell Learning Community MAT – Cromwell Junior and Infant School and Bordesley Village Primary School. The additional support required through each child’s EHCP will be funded through “top up funding” from the Local Authority. This funding will continue as long as there is a Resource Base at Bordesley Village Primary School.

“How pupil progress and outcomes will be monitored?”

Pupil progress and outcomes will be monitored through continuous assessment which is to each child's individual needs and targets from their EHCP. This will be supplemented by assessment from external agencies and through targeted support to build a clear picture of pupil progress. Each child with an EHCP has an annual review, where the progress, next steps and any adaptations to learning which are needed are agreed. In a resource base, success is measured not only by academic attainment but also by improvements in communication, social interaction, emotional wellbeing, independence, and readiness for future learning.

“The teaching approaches and programmes that will be used?”

The teaching approaches and programmes used in the Resource Base will largely match those used for other children within Bordesley Village Primary School. These approaches will be adapted as needed for the individual children to best support their pace of learning, additional needs and next steps.

Yours sincerely,

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