



Dear Parents and Carers

18 November 2022

Proposed coming together of Severn Valley School and the Gloucester and Forest Alternative Provision School (GFAPS) – September 2023.

If your child was registered with Severn Valley School or GFAPS in September, you may remember that we wrote to you with some information about an option that was being considered to bring our two schools together as a single school. We shared some information with you about how you could provide your views and comments on this issue and feed in to the stakeholder engagement exercise that ran from 7 September to 7 October 2022.

Working with the Local Authority, we have read and considered the range of comments and responses provided from all stakeholders. These were largely positive about the two schools coming together and the harmonisation of the provision, consequently Gloucestershire County Council has now issued a statutory notice of the intention to proceed with this proposal which has the full support of the two management committees. This continues to be something we consider will be good for the two schools and the children and young people we support.

Please find attached a copy of the statutory notice. There now follows a four-week period during which representations can be made on this proposal and full details continue to be available to view at: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-planning-and-projects/specialist-and-alternative-provision/alternative-provision-in-gloucestershire-creating-a-single-pupil-referral-unit/> along with details of how you can make any representations to the Local Authority. These must be received by 5pm on 16 December 2022.

The Management Committees of both schools continue to feel very positive about this opportunity to 'come together' and we will continue to operate from our current buildings. A key difference is that we would operate as one registered school rather than two and

there will be a new name for the single school. The changes will not be implemented until September 2023.

Once again, please feel free to contact us if you wish to discuss this further and we can answer any questions you may have. Contact details are provided below:

- **Lyn Dance**, Management Committee Chair, GFAPS– 01452 528955
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The e-mail address alternativeprovisionproposals@gloucestershire.gov.uk can also be used to reach us. .

Yours sincerely,



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