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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share an exciting and important development for Carlton Road Academy and our wider community - a proposal that represents one of the most significant steps we have taken as a school, and one that I believe is vital for children growing up in today's world.

The Local Authority has identified our school as one of a small number of mainstream schools being consulted on the potential establishment of a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Hub. These hubs are designed to offer enhanced facilities, smaller group provision and specialist staffing, while remaining firmly rooted within a mainstream school environment.

This proposal reflects a growing national and local understanding that the future of education must be inclusive, flexible and responsive. Increasingly, we are seeing children with a wide range of additional needs requiring more specialist support within mainstream education. SEND needs are not a short-term issue: they are a growing and ongoing reality, and it is vital that schools and local authorities act proactively rather than reactively.

The proposed SEND Hub(s) would enable earlier, more targeted support for a small number of pupils whose needs cannot currently be fully met through mainstream provision alone. Acting now allows support to be put in place at the right time, helping to prevent difficulties escalating further down the line for children, families and schools.

It's important that I reassure all our families that our school itself would not change. The hub would be created by repurposing our existing space. Our mainstream provision, ethos, values and daily experience for children would remain the same.

The hub would offer a limited number of places overall. Up to three pupils from our own school may access provision within the hub. The remaining places would be allocated by the Local Authority to pupils from across the area. Importantly, this is not a replacement for our existing SEND provision, but an additional, highly specialised resource for a very small number of children.

The hub would bring specialist SEND professionals onto our site, increasing the expertise and capacity of our staff team. This means greater knowledge and stronger support, with further opportunities for specialist training.

Above all, this proposal allows us to play a meaningful role in supporting children with the most complex needs, while remaining a mainstream primary school at heart. It places our school at the forefront of inclusive practice locally and enables us to contribute to shaping the future of education within our community.

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A formal three-week consultation will run from 19th March 2026. During this time, parents and carers are invited to share their views, thoughts and questions via the email address below. All feedback will be carefully considered as part of the decision-making process.

enquiries@voyage-education.org

Subject: SEND Hub Consultation

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and engagement with the life of our school.

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