



# Ormiston NEW Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to you to inform you of our plans to extend the SEND resource base provision at Ormiston New Academy from 20 students to 40, over the next three academic years.

Whilst these are only initial plans and no final decision has been made, the purpose of extending our SEND resource base is to provide a specialist provision for children with a communication and interaction need, supporting the local authority with their plans to increase the number of SEND specialist places across the city.

As you are aware, we have created a specialist provision that is currently open to 10 students, and will take up to 10 more students by January 2026. Across the next 3 academic years, we propose to add two further teaching rooms, to include a further KS3 teaching space and a KS4 provision.

Following initial discussions with the local authority, the provision would open during school time hours only in the first instance. Places will be offered on either a full-time or part-time basis. Once the consultation process is complete and outcome dependent, we will then be in a position to share further information on timelines, as and when these are confirmed.

We would encourage you to read through the proposal document accompanying this letter which is also available on the consultation website. However, I have outlined some of the key points from the document below on the leading benefits:

- An increased number of SEND students with a communication and interaction need will be able to access specialist provision
- We will be able to work with local primary schools to provide a seamless education for SEND children with a communication and interaction need
- We are supporting the local authority with their plan to create additional SEND specialist places across the city

We are committed to providing all our pupils with the very best opportunities, skills and experiences that they need in order to fulfill their potential. We believe that creating the best possible learning environment is essential in the achieving this. Every decision we make as a school is with your child's and our communities' best interests at heart and that is why we are exploring these initial plans with you.

We are now launching a formal consultation which will run for three weeks, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025-Wednesday 21st of May 2025. Feedback from our parents, carers and wider community, alongside colleagues, is incredibly valuable to us and so we are very keen to hear from a wide range of voices throughout our school community.

There will be several opportunities to share your views, including through our consultation page on our website. We will also be hosting a face-to-face drop in on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30, where we can outline the proposal in more detail and answer any questions you may have. You can register for a place via [SEND@onewa.co.uk](mailto:SEND@onewa.co.uk)

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and we look forward to hearing your views. Should you have any specific questions about the proposed additional spaces in the SEND resource base provision, please do not hesitate to get in touch at [info@onewa.co.uk](mailto:info@onewa.co.uk) or visit the consultation website.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Cooling  
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