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11 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

CONSULTATION ON IMPROVEMENTS TO CEDAR

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term.

I am writing to let you know you that we are proposing to make some changes to our SEND provision (Cedar) at Orchard Academy.

We are proposing an exciting new learning area for our pupils in Cedar, which will feature two SEND classrooms, an open-plan breakout space, a secure courtyard area with canopy, a soft play area and a sensory room. The project is being funded and delivered by Milton Keynes Council.

As part of these proposed changes, the SEND department currently at our link school (Shepherdswell Academy) will merge with our department, and all SEND pupils from the two schools will be based in the new provision here at Orchard.

We believe this is an exciting development for our two schools, which will enhance the learning and support we provide to our pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

In the coming days, we will be sending our full consultation document to you, with detailed plans of the proposals.

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Once you have read and received this, you are invited to give your views on the proposed changes by taking part in our public consultation, which runs until **Thursday 15th July**. You can give your comments by:

- Visiting the website www.orchard.emat.uk/ and completing the consultation form.
- Writing to:

SEND Consultation
East Midlands Academy Trust
Pyramus House
Roman Way
Grange Park
Northampton
NN4 5EA

- Emailing consultation@emat.uk

In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. C. Brown
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