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25 November 2026

Dear community member,

Re: Proposal to open a Specialist Inclusion Base at John O'Gaunt School

In partnership with West Berkshire Council, Excalibur Academies Trust is proposing that a 25-place 'Specialist Inclusion Base' to support pupils with an Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) diagnosis is opened at John O'Gaunt School.

This change is considered by the Department for Education (DfE) to be a "significant change" and therefore we are formally consulting with our community and fellow stakeholders, and we would value your feedback.

Further information about the proposal is attached, along with details of how you can give your feedback. This information is also available on our website and paper, translated and accessible copies of all documentation are available on request by emailing sthorne@johnogaunt.excalibur.org.uk or by calling 01488 682400.

We would also like to draw your attention to two Q&A sessions that are being held in school:

- **Wednesday 2nd December 3.30-4.30pm** – First Q&A session held at John O'Gaunt School
- **Thursday 10th December 10.10-11.10am** – Second Q&A session held at John O'Gaunt School

If you would like to reserve a place at either of these sessions, then please email sthorne@johnogaunt.excalibur.org.uk or call 01488 682400 and ask for Mrs Thorne.

The consultation runs from 9am Wednesday 25th November 2026 for three weeks, closing on Wednesday 16th December 2026 at 5pm.

The results of the consultation will be published as soon as possible after all feedback has been collated and considered.

We would appreciate you taking the time to consider this proposal and responding to the survey and thank you in anticipation of doing so.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Hawthorne
Principal

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