



3 February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers, Staff, Local Stakeholders, Governors and Trustees

## **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION: RESOURCE SPECIALIST PROVISION (RSP) AT WALTHAM TOLL BAR ACADEMY**

We are pleased to announce that we have been working with North East Lincolnshire Council to provide extra local support for students with additional needs in our region. To that end, we propose to open two new Resource Specialist Provision (RSP) units at Waltham Toll Bar Academy.

It has been a core part of our planning to ensure that we can deliver high quality SEND provision and a collaborative and integrated approach will be of benefit to all our students, enhance the culture of the Academy and support the local need for places in specialist provision.

Our plans are now at the stage where we wish to invite your views and questions regarding this proposed provision. **Our consultation will run from Monday 3 February 2025 to Monday 3 March 2025.**

### **The Gatehouse**

This proposed RSP will support and educate 12 students, in Years 7 - 11 and will be specifically for children with SEMH (Social, Emotional, Mental Health) needs or those students with serious school absence (under 50% attendance). Through an outreach offer to engage, nurture and support students back into a school setting with appropriate facilities developed within the Gatehouse to offer a more relaxed approach to education.

The Gatehouse is a detached building on the Waltham Toll Bar Academy site which will undergo a full refurbishment. The Gatehouse will provide 1 main teaching space with a separate kitchen/dining area for the teaching of life skills.

### **The Lighthouse**

This proposed extension and refurbishment to the existing provision will support and educate an additional 12 students, in Years 7 - 11 who require additional part-time support over and above what a mainstream school is expected to offer. Students attending this provision will access a curriculum of English, Maths, Science and PE lessons as a minimum, whilst being supported with a bespoke package which may include therapies, social skills and psychoeducation to help build resilience. This is specifically aimed at students who are already in receipt of an Education health and Care Plan (EHCP) with a Primary Need identified as Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH).

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The Lighthouse is adjoined to the main Academy sports block, but has its own separate means of access. There will be 4 dedicated teaching spaces; 2 each for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students. One classroom will include a kitchen area for the teaching of life skills, along with 2 dedicated group rooms and a deregulation space.

### **When will the RSPs open?**

The plan is for both provisions to open in September 2025. It is envisaged that The Gatehouse will have 12 students on roll but it is highly unlikely that all will be on site at any one time. It is envisaged that The Lighthouse will have a gradual introduction of students but will reach capacity within the first term.

### **Staffing**

The RSPs will be led through the existing leadership at Waltham Toll Bar Academy, although additional specialist staff with a range of skills, qualifications and knowledge will be recruited to run, manage, teach and support students, both within the designated provision space and integrating into their mainstream lessons.

### **Feedback and involvement**

We believe that your insights, feedback and suggestions are invaluable as we strive to create this additional provision to meet the diverse needs of our students. We encourage you to share any comments or questions you may have.

If you would like to provide your feedback or discuss this initiative further, please complete the form via the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/dq94PQnm4z> or scan the QR code at the bottom of this letter. Alternatively, please email: [consultation@lincolnshiregateway.co.uk](mailto:consultation@lincolnshiregateway.co.uk).

We are committed to fostering a collaborative approach and ensuring that the voices of all stakeholders are heard and considered. **The deadline for giving feedback is by 4:00pm on Monday 3 March 2025.** Following the closure of the consultation, we will respond formally to any issues raised and communicate our next steps.

Thank you for your support. As ever, Waltham Toll Bar Academy aims to provide the very best education possible for the children and families that we serve and we believe that these proposals will meet a need for some children and families in our locality.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Brown  
Chief Executive

