

5 February 2024

## **An invitation to meet the team that will run the new special school in Abbeydale.**

**Thursday 22 February 2024**

**11.00 – 12.00pm**

**or**

**4.30 – 5.30pm**

**Christchurch Church, Heron Way, Abbeydale, Gloucester GL4 5EQ**

We are writing to you to invite you to come along to one of two information sessions on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. There will be two opportunities to hear a short presentation from the academy trust that has been appointed to run the new special school.

This event is for anyone and will be of interest to people who live locally as well as parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities. The trust will be able to give an overview of how they work, their vision for the school, and some information about the other schools they run. It will be an opportunity to meet some of the key personnel who will be involved in setting up and running the school and for you to ask any questions you may have.

We had intended to use this event as an opportunity for people to review and comment on detailed plans prior to the submission for planning approval, however, the design is still being developed.

We will arrange a further drop in event in the spring before the planning application is submitted, similar to the one held in November 2023. At that meeting, members of the design and construction team will be available for people to ask questions, and detailed plans will be available to review and comment on.

Information about the intention to open a new special school continues to be available on the website, which is updated as the project develops and as more information becomes available. The information can be viewed here: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/new-special-school-gloucester](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/new-special-school-gloucester) along with answers to some frequently asked questions. Please do get in touch using the details below if you would like to receive a paper copy of the information.

The Gloucestershire County Council divisional councillor for the area, Andrew Gravells, hopes to attend both sessions and can be contacted on:  
[Andrew.gravells@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.gravells@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Comments or questions can be raised at any point by e-mailing:  
[universalcommissioning@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:universalcommissioning@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or by calling Nathan Roe, Education Planning Manager, on 01452 427262

