

## **Proposed Salisbury special school launches public consultation**

### **++ Salisbury Academy for Inspirational Learning calls on local community for feedback ++**

The proposed Salisbury Academy for Inspirational Learning (SAIL) is today launching a public consultation to receive feedback from the local community. SAIL will respond to the growing need for more specialist school places across Wiltshire.

The consultation, launched by Reach South Academy Trust, who will oversee the school when open, will allow parents/carers, pupils, staff and governors from local schools, local councillors, local residents, and any other interested parties to learn more about SAIL and to share their views.

SAIL will offer up to 150 places for children aged between 4-19 with autism or a social, emotional, mental health (SEMH) profile. The school's vision to help these young people learn to build safe, independent, lives through a process of understanding, support, and enablement.

SAIL is planned to open in September 2023. The school will initially open in temporary accommodation at the sites of Pembroke Park and Sarum Academy, before the permanent site on Wilton Road opens. School leadership is already planning to ensure children have a smooth transition period from the temporary site to the permanent one in line with their personal requirements.

The consultation period will run from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 until Wednesday 2 November 2022. All interested parties are welcome to attend the public consultation event on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Springfields South to meet the team and find out more information about SAIL. To attend the event, you can register your interest at [SAIL-Consultation11-10-22.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sail-consultation-11-10-22).

#### **Mike Thomas, Interim Headteacher at SAIL, said:**

“It is important to all of us involved with SAIL that this development goes forward with input from the Salisbury community. We want to develop a school which is safe, exciting, and purposeful for all its pupils.

“We know there is real potential to the site which will become home to the new school, but we do recognise that work needs to be done to make it fit for purpose to meet the needs of the intended autism and SEMH community. This consultation will give our local community the chance to help make sure this school is best suited to meet the needs of the SEND community in South Wiltshire.”

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