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To: All Hessle High School Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Consultation – Retrospective Proposal for a Significant Change**

#### **Opening of an Enhanced Resource Provision (ERP) for Cognition and Learning – September 2024**

In September 2024, Hessle High School opened an eight-place Enhanced Resource Provision (ERP) for Cognition and Learning. The provision was established to strengthen local specialist capacity and respond to clearly identified need within the Hessle place planning area and neighbouring localities.

The ERP enables children and young people with identified cognition and learning needs to access high-quality, targeted specialist provision within their local community. This reduces reliance on more distant or higher-cost placements, alleviates pressure on existing specialist services, and supports more equitable and sustainable long-term SEND planning across the area.

Following an expression of interest from Hessle High School, East Riding of Yorkshire Council undertook a detailed review of local Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) data. This analysis considered:

- Current and projected demand for specialist cognition and learning provision
- Patterns of need within the Hessle area and surrounding localities
- Wider place-planning and sufficiency considerations

The review identified a sustained increase in the number and complexity of learners requiring specialist support and confirmed the need for additional enhanced provision within the locality.

This consultation is being undertaken retrospectively to formalise the significant change and secure the required approval from the Department for Education (DfE). The provision has been operational since September 2024 and is currently successfully supporting learners.

We welcome your views on this significant change. Please submit feedback by emailing [communications@consortiumtrust.co.uk](mailto:communications@consortiumtrust.co.uk) no later than 20 March 2026.

Yours faithfully

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