



# SET Beccles' Specialist Centre Consultation Summary

February 2021

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- Number of responses: 65
  - 93% in favour of the specialist centre opening at SET Beccles
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## Commentary

Through the consultation we were asked five main questions and we have responded to these questions below.

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## Why are you doing this?

- This initiative reflects the Seckford Education Trust's inclusive ethos and will allow students to receive the specialist teaching and support they deserve within their local communities.
  - The delivery link with our existing specialist centres at our sister schools means that the work of SET Beccles will be enhanced whilst ensuring that SET Beccles continues to focus on its priorities and improvement and development plans.
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## Who are you working with?

- Suffolk County Council has undertaken a commissioning process where schools, who were interested in establishing new provision, provided information on how specialist places would be run and supported by the school.
- Schools who were successful in this process, like ours, are currently working with the council to ensure the appropriate infrastructure and support is in place to enable these new centres to be open in September 2021.
- The funding for capital works to our school is being provided by Suffolk County Council.

## What does it mean for Teaching and Learning?

- The staffing and delivery of teaching and learning at the new centres will be the responsibility of the Seckford Education Trust.
  - All teaching and support posts will be new and additional to the current staffing at SET Beccles.
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## How does this affect arrangements in the mainstream school?

- The timing of the school day for the centre will be different to that of the mainstream school in order to maximise the experience of students in both settings. Additional transport arrangements will therefore be arranged for students in our centre to facilitate the timings of each school day.
  - Trustee and governance arrangements are in place; and the centres will report to the Seckford Education Trust and will be supported by our existing specialist centres at SET Ixworth and SET Maidstone and Causton.
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## Will you be taking fewer students into Year 7?

- Places in the centres will be in addition to the School's current PAN (Planned Admission Number). This means that there will not be a reduction in the number of places available in the usual admissions round.
- Allocation of specialist places will follow a separate admissions process and will be for students with an education, Health and Care Plan.