

Consultation on changes to provision at the Melrose Centre and Southlands School

November 2019



North Tyneside Council

Introduction - welcome and thank you

- **Our aim today:**
 - Share our thinking with you
 - Make clear the proposal and why
 - Listen to your views
 - Ensure everyone leaves the room with the same information
 - Ensure you know what will and will not, happen next
- **Approach** – around 20 mins of information and then an open discussion. Plus opportunity to speak afterwards on a 1:1 basis



Our Vision



Background

- Increase in number of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and with Education, Health and Care Plans across North Tyneside
- Impact on the Melrose Centre
- Our work with schools to find the best way forward



What are we proposing?

- To change the leadership of Melrose ARP from Longbenton High School to Southlands School
- To change the designation of the type of SEN provision offered by Southlands School
- For the changes to be in place from September 2020



Why? What are the benefits?

- Special School leadership from Southlands School to better meet the needs of children
- Additional capacity for children with ASD moving from specialist primary to secondary education
- Maintaining the location of Melrose at Longbenton High School and the current staff team



Is this really a proposal?

- **Yes** – it's our current proposed solution
- **No change is not an option**, however, there may be other options we have not thought of
- We want your views on this today
- This is the first stage of consultation which will run until 13th December 2019



What happens next?

- All feedback will be gathered and fully considered
- North Tyneside Council's Cabinet will decide on whether to proceed to a formal consultation early in the New Year.

- If approved, a 2nd phase formal consultation would then take place
- All feedback would be gathered and fully considered
- North Tyneside Council's Cabinet would decide on whether to agree the changes. This would likely be March/April 2020.

- If approved, the changes would be in place for September 2020



Where to go for individual advice and support?

- SENDIASS – Amanda Durrant or Nicola Gregg tel (0191) 643 8313 or (0191) 643 8317

e-mail: SENDIASS@northtyneside.gov.uk

- Your SEND Support Officer – tel (0191) 643 8684

- School contacts

- Parent Carer Forum – tel (0191) 4060018

e-mail: info@ntpcf.co.uk

- Information will also be published on the Local Offer website



How to give feedback, offer comments or ask questions

•If you would like to give any feedback, offer any comments or ask questions after today's session please e-mail them to:

commissioning@northtyneside.gov.uk



Enough from us, over to you...

- **What do you think of the proposal?**
 - Do you think there are other solutions we have not considered?
- **What could we do to address any concerns you may have about this proposal?**
- **Any other questions / comments?**

