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Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of the School Community,

Thank you for taking the time to share your views as part of the consultation regarding the proposed **Communication & Interaction SEND Provision at South Ossett Infants Academy**. We are grateful for the thoughtful, honest, and constructive feedback received. Your comments have played an important role in helping us understand your views, community priorities and shape the next steps of the proposal.

Many respondents expressed strong support for increasing SEND provision locally, particularly for children with communication and interaction needs. We appreciate your acknowledgement that this type of resource would create a calmer, more structured environment for pupils who require additional support, and that it could prevent unnecessary out-of-area placements. We remain committed to ensuring the provision enhances the educational experience of all children—both those accessing specialist places and those in mainstream classes.

A number of parents raised understandable concerns about what happens after KS1, since the proposed provision currently supports Year 1–Year 2 only. The Local Authority is currently exploring wider SEND sufficiency planning to accommodate children with SEND after KS1.

We will ensure that there will be minimal impact on mainstream pupils and that the teaching and learning of current pupils remains a priority. The SEND provision will reflect the needs of the children with Social, communication and interaction needs. The provision is intended not only to support a number of children with additional needs, but also to strengthen inclusive practice across the whole school. All pupils will continue to feel valued, included, and supported. This aligns fully with our values.

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The new SEND pupils joining our school will be valued members of our community, but they will learn within a separate provision. All pupils will be invited to whole-school events, where deemed appropriate, including fayres, PTA functions, and Christmas activities.

Your engagement in this consultation reflects the strength of our school community and your dedication to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all children. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Young
Headteacher