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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, we are proud to launch a new consultation on which we hope you will all express your views.

In response to growing local demand for specialist school places, Cornwall Council has approved the creation of a new Area Resource Base here at Penrice Academy.

This is a wonderful endorsement of the work we have been doing with CELT to put inclusion at the heart of our school's work. It is also a fantastic opportunity to unlock the support, expertise and resources to go even further.

We are confident that this proposal will improve provision, not just for learners with EHCPs for Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) and/or Autism at Penrice Academy, but for all those who need additional support to thrive.

It also promises to better serve families across our community who would otherwise struggle to find a suitable school place for their children.

In summary, I and the school's leadership team feel strongly that this plan will benefit *all* our learners, our staff and our wider community.

We hope you will join us in welcoming it. However, we recognise that some of you may have genuine concerns or heartfelt reservations.

That's why this consultation matters so much. It is your chance to feed constructively into the process.

To that end, I'm pleased to invite you to a consultation meeting with me and members of Penrice Academy's senior leadership team on Wednesday 29 April 2026 at 5-5.45 pm. This will be a chance for you to ask questions and for us all to move forward together as a community.



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The consultation is open for three weeks, after which we will anonymise and analyse your responses before presenting them to the Department for Education.

They will make the final decision on whether to approve the proposal, and we will communicate this to you immediately.

You will find all the details of the plan and a link to the consultation questionnaire on our website www.penriceacademy.org

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support of Penrice Academy. I look forward to our discussions about this plan over the coming weeks and to reading all your responses.

Warm wishes,

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