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Statutory Consultation for the proposal to open a new special free school for children with Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs in Rotherham.

As a member of Ethos Academy Trust, the proposed new Rotherham Special Free School (RSFS) is a special school for pupils aged 7 – 16, offering 135 places for pupils in key stages 2,3 and 4 with social, emotional, mental health needs that present as significant barriers to their successful learning in a mainstream setting.

Our plan is to work within a model of co-production with all key stakeholders over the months ahead to identify the best of current provision within Rowan and Aspire and blend this with expertise from Ethos Academy Trust, to create a fit for purpose new school that provides the highest quality SEMH specialist provision from the outset. The new school will contribute to the borough-wide ambition for local SEND provision. All pupils at the academy will have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Through the use of expertise and partnership working with local, regional and national SEMH specialists, RSFS will become a recognised centre of excellence. A broad and balanced curriculum with personalised pathways and specialised teaching will inspire our pupils to learning and personal success. High quality pastoral care and targeted intervention will support all pupils to access learning and reach their potential.

Under section 10 of the Academies Act 2010, the Trust is required to consult with stakeholders on our proposals for the new school and, as a result, this website page outlines further details on where and how you can find out more about our proposed new special free school. This is your opportunity to have your say on our proposals.

You can find [frequently asked questions about free schools in this document](#).

Please note that regular updates will be made to this website in relation to the free school consultation as information becomes available.

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