



Learn@ Specialist Academy will work with the local authorities to ensure the Academy develops as a centre of excellence for special needs across the area promoting a spectrum of provision across the local area.

We recognise that to understand the world, young people often need to better understand themselves, and that social and emotional development is essential to holistic growth and to the progress of our young people. Sometimes this can be done individually, in small groups or together. Despite the many different challenges a young person may face, we believe that we are all born to learn and grow and our key role within Learn@ MAT is to ensure each young person is given this opportunity. Learn@ MAT offers places for young people across all ages from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 5. Learn@ MAT provides an inclusive ethos and approach in which each young person is central to what we offer and how we deliver it. We provide a more personalised learning programme across a very wide scope of areas, using modern facilities and offering a wide range of nationally recognised academic and vocational accreditation from GCSE to BTEC.

Learn@ MAT promotes an holistic approach embracing the individual needs of each young person.

As well as the Education Team, Learn@ MAT provides a skilled staff of professionals, including, Speech and Language Therapists, CAMHS workers, Educational Psychologists, Learning Mentors, Occupational Therapists, Counsellors and Play Therapists.

Please come and have your say in helping us create the best possible specialist provision for some of the most vulnerable young people in our society.

### How to respond to the consultation

It is very important to us that we receive your views.

Please visit our website where you will find all relevant information and will have the opportunity to complete a short survey.

[www.learnmat.uk](http://www.learnmat.uk)

The survey will also be available at the public consultation on :

Thursday 25 November 2021

3pm - 7pm

The Source Café

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## The Proposed Academy

### Learn@ MAT Gloucestershire Free School

Learn@ MAT is a specialist educational trust which focusses on educating young people aged 5 – 19 years, who have diagnosed Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH), or Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN).

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Within the Learn@ MAT, we recognise that everyone is different. It is a positive thing that we are all different, it ensures our uniqueness in the world and it should be celebrated and cherished.

We currently run six academies across the South West region based in Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, Somerset and Wiltshire. Four are specialist school academies; Knowle DGE Academy, Notton House Academy, The Sky Academy and Soundwell Academy. We also have two Alternative Provisions; St Matthias Academy and Lansdown Park Academy.

We wish to open a new special free school in Churchill, North Somerset for up to 65 young people with special needs in SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) or SLCN (Speech, Language and Communication). This will cater for young people aged 4 to 16 years old and offer them both a full academic curriculum and a vocational curriculum, which will include courses in hair and beauty, hospitality and catering, motor vehicle, and construction. We anticipate that the new free school will provide employment for up to 40 staff across teaching, specialist support, administration, technical support, catering and maintenance.

Location of the proposed new free school:

**Learn@ Specialist Academy,  
Ladymead Lane, Churchill, North Somerset.**



#### Learn@ MAT's approach is:

Young people who have experienced trauma in their lives, or the feeling of failure often become insecure about themselves and have very poor self-esteem. They see their uniqueness as negative and may have become disaffected with education. We see it as our purpose to help them understand and appreciate themselves and recognise their strengths and potential. Through Learn@ MAT, we encourage their self-belief and confidence to use and develop their individual skills and personality to achieve the best they can.



We will be seeking to appoint an inspirational leader for this exciting new school. Plans are well underway for this crucial appointment.



Within the Learn@ MAT, we treat everyone equally. Through tolerance, respect and responsibility we promote and reflect equality across our whole community. Regardless of race, gender, faith, ability, aptitude or history we strive to offer every individual young person the support, structure, resources and style of approach they require to fulfil their hopes and aspirations. So all have an equal opportunity to succeed and achieve. We embrace and foster a collaborative approach to maximise educational opportunities for children and young people with a range of different needs including those with behavioural difficulties, speech, language and communication needs, social and emotional mental health issues and other needs

Within the Learn@ MAT, we hold central to our purpose that all young people have the right to learn. We promote discovery, exploration, investigation, research and experimentation. By better understanding: How? What? Where? When? And who? Young people can better understand Why? Learn@ Specialist Academy will provide a broad, balanced, relevant and enjoyable curriculum based on meeting the individual needs of each young person with appropriate pathways for accreditation. We will ensure the young people are provided with support and intervention to address issues that impact on their ability to achieve.