

13th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to update you on the status of the 16-19 Free School in Bolsover. As part of the Labour Government's announcement in October 2024, the Free School is currently under review.

The review process is based on four key criteria: assessing the necessity for the school in the area (Basic Need), evaluating the financial efficiency of the school and its cost to the Department for Education (Value for Money), examining the uniqueness and effectiveness of the school's curriculum (Distinctive Curriculum), and reviewing how the school affects other educational institutions in the area (Impact on Existing Providers).

This review is part of a broader evaluation involving 44 Free Schools across the country. The Redhill Academy Trust is working diligently alongside our local MP, Bolsover District Council, and Derbyshire County Council to provide the Department for Education with all the relevant information required for this review. We are committed to ensuring that the review process is thorough and that all necessary details are considered.

Currently, there is no confirmed date for the conclusion of the review. We understand that this uncertainty may be concerning, and we will keep you informed of any updates as soon as they become available.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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