



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear families,

**Re: Apollo ARP At Eastbrook**

Last academic year, you received a letter outlining a consultation about opening of an additional resource provision (ARP) for children with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) within Eastbrook Primary. I am extremely pleased to inform you that our ARP, known as Apollo, is now ready to welcome pupils.

Since the consultation concluded, we have worked extremely hard to convert unused rooms upstairs into purposeful classrooms that are designed with ASC children in mind.

We have worked with an expert to bring a fantastic team of colleagues together, led by Mrs Sylvester, who have undergone intensive training and worked tirelessly to plan and prepare for our first attendees who will join us next Monday.

Apollo will have 12 pupils initially. This number will grow to 24, over time.

Our pupils have all watched the following video clip and had discussions in class to help them understand autism better- <https://youtu.be/RbwRrVw-CRo> .

As a result of Apollo opening, our outdoor space is going to become transformed with a purpose built learning and play area due to be completed in May that will benefit all of our children.

It is a real privilege to be opening Apollo and I am certain you will welcome our new pupils and their families into our wonderful, supportive school community.

Regards,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Evan Hollows', with a horizontal line underneath.

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