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To whom ever it may concern

Robert Blair School and Childrens Centre is well known in our community as an inclusive school. Continuing to become a beacon of an inclusion can at times feel like a long and challenging journey. Our school is committed to this journey because we know that ultimately it will strengthen our school, our community and benefit ALL children.

Our process to date has been about incorporating a fundamental change in the way our school community supports and addresses the individual needs of each child. An effective model of inclusive education will not only benefit students but also create an environment in which every student has the opportunity to flourish.

At the start of this academic year the school began to develop a close working relationship with The Bridge School. This collaboration has supported us to develop our inclusive educational practice and build upon the school's capacity to ensure we continue on our journey.' Staff in both schools have been enabled to work together and develop their skills and abilities in a seamless environment. The Bridge expertise has enabled the staff of Robert Blair School to further develop their skills and abilities, the impact of which can be seen in the significant progress of many of our SEND pupils.

The development of a Bridge Satellite School on our site, with its direct links to the main school, will enable us to continue to work together collaboratively and cohesively, further building capacity and ensuring individual pupils potential can be realised.

Working inclusively in this way will ensure the most effective use of each school's resources. Through this cohesive working environment staff are supported to ensure

- appropriate academic support helps each student to access the full curriculum
- differentiated instruction increases student engagement
- behavioural support helps maintain a positive learning environment for everyone

The school wide support helps to establish high expectations throughout the school community as a whole. The satellite and school together will model 'a beacon of inclusion' and embed for our school community, and beyond, a respect for diversity which will create a welcoming environment for all.

Best wishes

Michelle Bahn

