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Dear All,

I am delighted to let you know that the proposal for our satellite provisions, currently housed in two separate locations, to occupy the Konstam Centre in Highgate from September 2023 has been approved.

This is fantastic news. RFHCS will continue the educational use of the Konstam Centre and provide an educational provision within the community supporting young people experiencing medical or mental health challenges and unable to attend mainstream school.

The move will provide the school with stability and efficiency savings as our alternative programmes and outreach services operate under one roof for the first time.

This, in addition to the improved space offered at Konstam, will enable the school to focus on meeting need, increasing the number of young people it is able to support and building a more focused centre for the development and performance management of staff. In practice it will mean around 50 young people accessing education and therapeutic support on a daily basis. We will continue to provide ongoing exam access for home educated and other vulnerable young people across the borough.

We will also aim to foster a new working relationship with both Brookfield Primary School, located adjacently, and with the local community. Brookfield will continue to run a nursery provision on an independent part of the ground floor located to the rear of the building. This will have exclusive use of an external play area and a separate dedicated entrance for nursery pupils and their families. We hope to grow and develop our inclusive practice together.

The building has a rich and appropriate history having been founded by the Konstam family, post war, as a health clinic for children. We are delighted to have the full support of the family for the move.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2013/nov/09/remembrance-finding-our-lost-boys>

RFHCS will be leaving both The Hive and Camden Learning Centre at the end of July 2023. We are incredibly grateful to Catch22 for accommodating us over the last four years at the Hive as well as to the team at the CLC.

Any children continuing on programmes with us in 2023/24 will be educated at the new site which will be known as 'RFHCS Konstam'. There are no planned changes to our hospital site or the educational provision at RFH and QMH which will continue as normal.

We will keep you updated on progress with the move and details around a formal opening in the Autumn Term.

If you have any questions or concerns at this stage please let us know at

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alex Yates', written in a cursive style.

Alex Yates

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