



## Manchester Sensory Support Service

Improving outcomes for children with hearing or vision needs

Alexandra House, 133 Moss Lane East, Hulme, Manchester M15 5GX

Telephone 07903192731 Email: [admin@msss.co.uk](mailto:admin@msss.co.uk)

25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent or Carer,

I am pleased to share the news that the Manchester Sensory Support Service, which supports your child's educational needs, will soon become part of Big Life Schools Multi Academy Trust, part of The Big Life group. It is expected that this move will benefit the deaf and visually impaired children, and their families, that the service works with. The decision was made following an extensive tendering process to find a new organisation to manage the service.

Big Life Schools is a group of schools with a mission to change lives and fight inequality by improving social and educational outcomes for children, empowering whole families to get to where they want to be.

The Big Life Schools Trust currently has two academies in Manchester:

- Unity Community Primary
- Longsight Community Primary

Big Life Schools was developed on the same principles and values as The Big Life group, who have a mission to fight inequality by working with people and places to create opportunities and inspire change.

The Big Life group is made up of several social enterprises and charities, including Big Issue North Trust, Self Help Services, Big Life Centres and The Big Life Company, delivering services ranging from physical and mental health, housing, employment, children and family support and much more.

It is planned that the move to Big Life Schools happens on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024, and all partners are looking forward to working together to ensure the best possible support for children, young people and families so that children achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations.

You will not notice any change to the service delivery as all staff in post at the date of transfer will remain the same and will move across to the new organisation.

You may have questions to ask following this news. With this in mind, we are providing the opportunity for you to join Big Life Schools, Manchester City Council and me, in an **online Teams meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. This will enable you to learn more about the transfer and to ask any questions that you may have. You can join us at either of these sessions below:

**10.00am to 11.00am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November:**

The following link should take you to the meeting: [Join the meeting now](#)

If this link doesn't work you can go to "Join a Teams meeting by ID" and type into the boxes:

Meeting ID: 310 020 294 159      Passcode: 3Rke5y

**6pm to 7pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November:**

The following link should take you to the meeting: [Join the meeting now](#)

If this link doesn't work you can go to "Join a Teams meeting by ID" and type into the boxes:

Meeting ID: 321 046 888 722      Passcode: TTrTAv

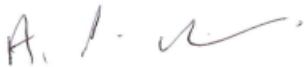
If you access the meeting on a smartphone you may be prompted to download the Teams App to join.

You don't need to let me know that you will be joining us at a meeting, however if you have any accessibility issues that you need us to be aware of, please get in touch with me as soon as possible, using the details below, so we can look to make appropriate arrangements.

If you cannot join us at either of these meetings, but wish to discuss the transfer of our service to Big Life Schools, please feel free to contact me by phone on 07587 968968, or email me on [t.bowyer@msss.co.uk](mailto:t.bowyer@msss.co.uk)

Best wishes.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'A. Bowyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tony Bowyer

Head of Service