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Thrive and learn



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Aspire and achieve



**Crosshill**  
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Thursday 11th February 2021

# **Crosshill School Relocation Consultation Meeting**

# Welcome from Champion Education Trust

**Diane Atkinson**

- A small, dynamic Trust with three schools; Two in Blackburn with Darwen, Blackburn Central High School a mainstream secondary school, Crosshill Special School and one school in Blackpool, Lotus Special School.
- Our aim is to establish academies that are centres of excellence for leadership, teaching, learning, collaboration and give all students a curriculum that is balanced, broadly based and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.



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# Mission

- Family!
- Supporting and developing all young people and children within the Trust schools to flourish and succeed regardless of background, prior attainment or need in a culture of high expectations, outstanding teaching and care.

# Vision

- The Champion Education Trust is dedicated to the successful future of every young person within the trust and passionate about providing opportunities to allow young people to achieve beyond expectation by providing:
  - Outstanding teaching and support
  - Inspirational learning environments
  - Aspirational futures and successful stories
- We will break down barriers to nurture independence and resilience within a culture of high expectation, ambition and continual improvement. We will inspire and support teachers to excel.



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# Values

- Family and community; a sense of belonging and contribution.
- Respect and celebration of differences.
- Partnerships and working as a team.
- Ambition and striving to do your best.



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# Inspirational Learning Environment

- The success of both Crosshill and BCHS has seen student numbers rise year on year and in both schools these have increased in excess of 50% since 2013.
- To accommodate this growth we have been seeking a new premises for some time.
- Delighted to work in partnership with BwD to refurbish and bring life back into the Sunnyhurst site
- Project is planned in two phases. Phase one will be the restoration of the beautiful house and grounds, phase two will be the refurbishment and remodelling of the separate buildings to create bespoke learning spaces for the young people in our community.



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# All about Crosshill School

Crosshill School is part of Champion Education Trust and is an academy day special school for children between the ages 11-18 who mostly experience Moderate Learning Difficulties.

The school also caters for students who have Autistic Spectrum Disorder which is significantly impacting upon their ability to access the curriculum, along with students who have physical, visual and hearing difficulties.



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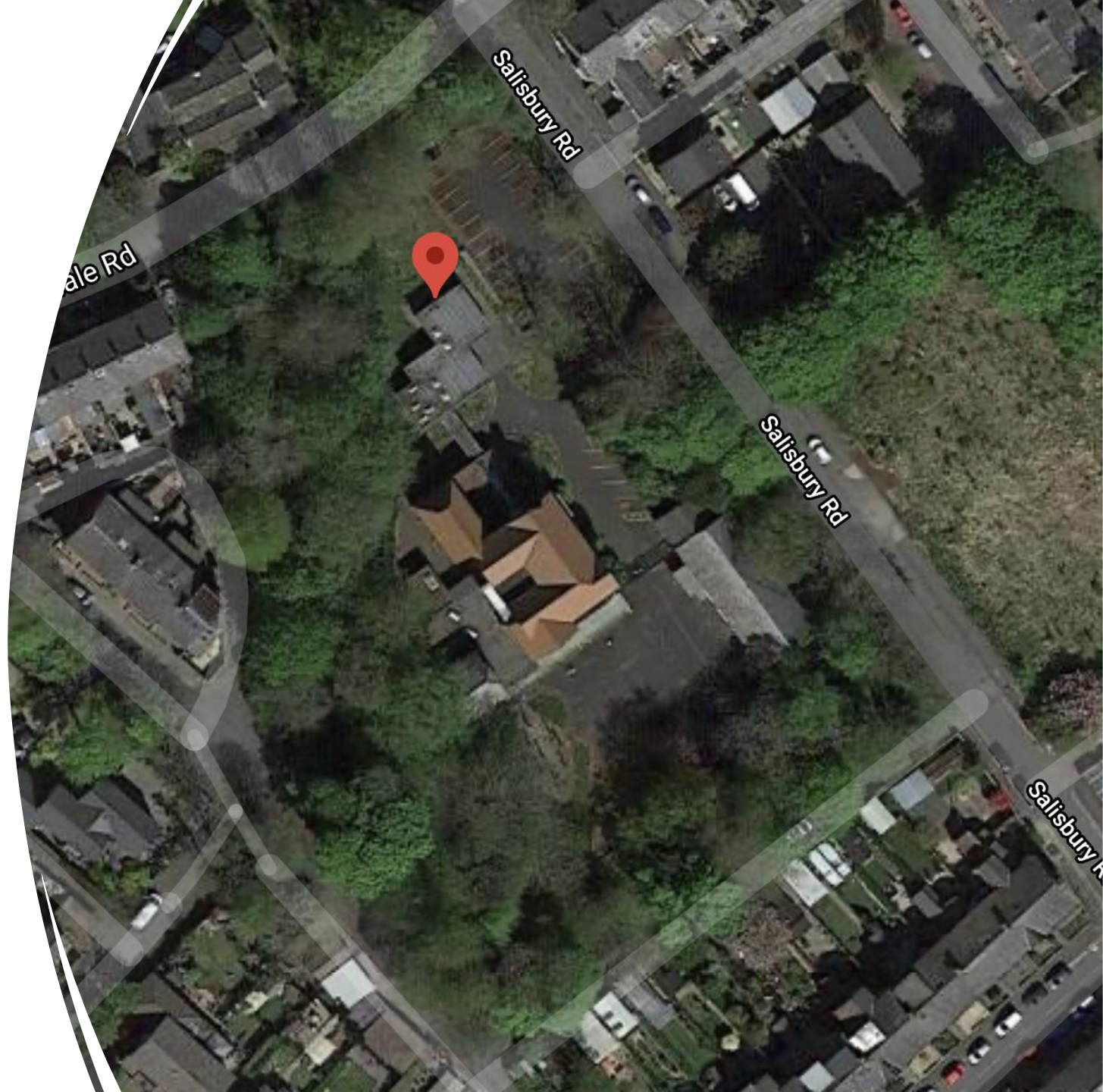


# Allocated site for the relocation of Crosshill School

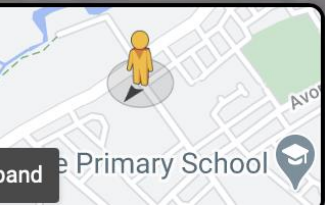
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## Sunnyhurst Centre

Salisbury Road  
Darwen  
Lancashire  
BB3 1HZ







Google





- Blocks to be refurbished
- Blocks to remain untouched



# Phase 1

aiming to be completed by September 2021

- 7 classrooms
- Dining Hall
- Conference room
- Playground facilities and forest school set up
- Catering facilities
- Reception/welcome area for visitors
- Therapy provision
- Wide variety of office and admin spaces
- Wide variety of storage facilities
- Staff facilities including kitchenette

# Phase 2

aiming to be completed by September 2022

- Extra classrooms
- Allowing space to create a separate sixth form centre to allow for further preparing into the adulthood resources
- Multi- purpose room for sports, dining and assemblies
- Further therapy provision spaces



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# Benefits of relocation

- Providing us with opportunity to expand and meet local authority need
- Bringing our secondary and post 16 together onto one site
- Providing a more specialist environment for our students and their families, assisting us to fully embed our curriculum model (academic, wellbeing, community and skills for independence)
- Removing the barriers of shared resources, offering greater freedom and flexibility
- More suitable and flexible classrooms for learning
- Allocated space for internal and external therapy-based specialists to work with our students effectively
- Suitable outdoor provision for learning and playing, enriching our curriculum offer and students experiences
- Dining hall and assembly facility, allowing us to offer more social opportunities to our students and their families





# Next Step...

- We will be writing to parents to bring 3 of our planned inset days forward to the beginning of September, to bring them together. This will mean students begin the new academic year on **Monday 6th September 2021**.
- Transition for students will begin remotely in the summer term and we are hoping to run a summer holiday transition programme if possible.
- If the relocation is delayed due to Covid 19 the trust has already given consideration too this if there is a slight delay in moving.
- We will provide regular updates about the progress of this project on our website and social media platforms.



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# Question & Answer Panel

- **Lidia Gardner**  
Crosshill School Headteacher
- **Nicola Chester**  
Champion Education Trust – Chief Finance officer
- **Julie Jackson**  
BwD Statutory SEND Assessment Team Manager



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