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## Grand Opening of the Resource Provision

**Friday 10th February 2023 was a historic day for The Barlow community because our new Resource Provision for pupils with autism was opened officially. We were delighted that Bishop John Arnold came to bless the building, and this was followed by a formal 'ribbon cutting' by Director of Education, Amanda Corcoran, later in the day.**

The project was embarked upon over two years ago when the planning stages began, and we set out working with architects Bate and Taylor to design our £600,000 high-specification facilities. The Resource Provision itself boasts fantastic accommodation for our pupils, which includes a sensory room, a quiet room, an intervention room, where therapies such as Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy can take place, a classroom, an activities area for sensory integration work, a kitchen area and a social area for pupils. The provision has had the lighting and heating specifically designed with the sensory needs of our new pupils in mind. Our Resource Provision is at the heart of our school and is a powerful symbol of what Catholic education is about. It is a sanctuary, a place of celebration, a refuge, a place of safety for our children. It is where our pupils will have the opportunity to learn and grow.

Headteacher Ms Wallace said, "we are very excited and proud of our new Resource Provision. At The Barlow, we pride ourselves on being an inclusive community, where we not only accept differences but celebrate them. We are so pleased to welcome our Resource Provision pupils into The Barlow family and will do all we can to ensure that they are safe and happy here, feel valued, and that they achieve the success of which they are capable".

