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To all statutory consultees

Dear Sir / Madam,

Regulated Alteration to St Francis Catholic Primary School

I write to inform you that the governing body of the school considered the following published proposal at its extraordinary meeting held on 11th May 2017:

'That the age range of the pupils it can admit is amended from 4-11 years to 3-11 years in order to effect the admission of nursery pupils'.

The decision of the governing body was to approve the proposal as published.

Prior to reaching its decision, the governing body took account of the comments received as part of statutory consultation; no objections to the proposal were received. The governing body also took into account and considered various factors in determining the proposal, namely:

- a) Quality and standards in education
- b) Need for places and the impact on accessibility of schools
- c) Resourcing of Education and other financial implications
- d) Other general factors:
 - What impact proposals will have on educational attainment among children from economically deprived backgrounds;
 - Any equality issues, including those identified through equality impact assessments;
 - Whether the school involved is subject to any trust or charitable interests which might be affected by the proposal;
- e) Specific factors for proposals to add or remove nursery classes
 - The standard of nursery education and the sufficiency of accommodation and facilities offered, both in the classroom and outdoors, and the viability of any school that wishes to add nursery places;
 - Whether there is a need for additional nursery places in the area;



- The levels of demand for certain types of nursery education, e.g. Welsh medium or provision with a religious character;
 - The effect of the proposal on other institutions, including private and third sector providers;
 - The extent to which proposal will integrate early years education with childcare services or are consistent with an integrated approach.
- f) Factors taken into account in approving/determining school organisation proposals:
- whether there were any other related proposals;
 - ensuring that the statutory consultation was conducted in accordance with the School Organisation Code (the Code);
 - ensuring that the proposal was published in accordance with the Code and the notice contained all the required information;
 - consideration given to the consultation document and consultation report;
 - consideration given to any objections and objections report and any responses to the notice supporting the proposals (if applicable).

Implementation of the proposal will address the key issues identified in the case for change, namely:

- To enable parents to express a preference for St Francis Catholic Primary School at an earlier age, thereby creating the opportunity for easing the pressure on places at The Meads School;
- Provide faith-based Nursery provision in the Milford Haven area thereby increasing choice for parents.

Yours faithfully

David Burgoyne
Chair of governors
St Francis Catholic Primary School