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To all statutory consultees

Dear Sir/Madam

Future Primary Education Provision in Haverfordwest

I write to inform you that Pembrokeshire County Council, at its meeting of 26th July 2018, considered the following published proposal:

1. Discontinue Mount Airey Nursery and Infants School and Haverfordwest Church in Wales VC School on 31st December 2018;
2. Establish a new 3-11 community primary school for Haverfordwest on 1st January 2019 utilising both existing school sites.

The decision of Council was to approve the proposal as published.

Furthermore, and in order to mitigate the loss of a faith school, the catchment area of St Mark's Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School in Merlin's Bridge will be extended. This will ensure that parents, who would have otherwise expressed a preference for Haverfordwest VC School on the grounds of the school having a designated religious character, will be able to apply for places at St Mark's VA School.

Prior to reaching its decision, the County Council took account of the comments received as part of statutory consultation, and the proposer's responses thereon. Furthermore the Council were satisfied that the proposal will address the key issues identified in the case for change, i.e.:

- To improve standards;
- To create an all-through 3-11 community primary school in Haverfordwest. The Council has a policy of creating all-through schools instead of separate infant and junior schools;
- Both Mount Airey CP and Haverfordwest VC schools have extensive collaborative arrangements as a result of the executive headship arrangements between the two schools. As a result, the staff of both schools work together to develop their curriculum and to share good practice.
- Whilst both schools have surplus places, other schools in Haverfordwest are oversubscribed; an additional 3-11 primary school would aid in equalising numbers across Haverfordwest.

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It is pleasing to note that no objections were received to the proposal.

A temporary governing body for the new school will be appointed in due course so that the appropriate implementation arrangements can be made.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Kate Evan-Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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