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Dear Consultee,

**Notification of County Council Decision –
Proposal to change in the Age Range of Ysgol Swiss Valley from 4-11 to 3-11**

On Wednesday, 9 March 2022, Carmarthenshire County Council approved the proposal as follows:

**To change the age range of Ysgol Swiss Valley from 4-11 to 3-11
and provide 30 nursery places from 1 September 2022.**

Objections to the proposal - No objections were received.

This proposal was considered in accordance with the requirements of the School Organisation Code (2018) of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and noted that no objections had been received in respect of the proposal during the statutory objection period.

In determining the proposal, the County Council took into account the following factors as outlined in the School Organisation Code 2018 as follows:

Quality and standards in education

It was Estyn's opinion that the proposal would at least maintain the current Standard of Education provision in the area. The proposal had been developed in line with the council's vision to provide the best possible start in life for young people and to improve and clarify its educational provision.

Need for places and the impact on accessibility of schools

In approving this proposal, the Council believed that the change in age range would improve the capacity for children in the local community and also align Ysgol Swiss Valley with most other schools in the area. It would provide a seamless transition from nursery to primary school and clarify to parents what provision the School offers.

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Resourcing of education

The Council has considered that Ysgol Swiss Valley is funded in accordance with the County's Fair Funding Policy and will receive resources on the same basis as any other School within the county, based on pupil numbers.

Referral of local authority decisions to the Welsh Ministers

Should any of the following bodies believe that an incorrect decision has been made by the local authority then under section 54 of the 2013 Act they may within 28 days refer the proposal to the Welsh Ministers for consideration:-

- Another local authority affected by the proposals;
- The appropriate religious body;
- The governing body of a voluntary or foundation school;
- A trust holding property on behalf of a voluntary or foundation school;
- A further education institution affected by the proposals.

Please contact Rhianydd Evans of this department if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



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