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Dear Consultee,

Notification of County Council Decision - Change in the age range of Bynea School from 4-11 to 3-11

On Wednesday 13th of July 2016, Carmarthenshire County Council approved the proposal as follows:

To change the age range of Bynea School from 4-11 to 3-11 and provide 19 nursery places from 1st of January 2017.

The Council considered the proposal in accordance with the requirements of the School Organisation Code 2013 and noted that no statutory objections had been received in respect of the proposal during the statutory objection period.

In determining the proposal the Council took into account the following factors as outlined in the School Organisation Code 2013 as follows:

Quality and standards in education

It was Estyn's opinion that the proposal would at least maintain education provision and outcomes for pupils in the area. In approving this proposal, the Council considered that the elimination of a transition stage between nursery and reception and the continuity of staffing would improve the learning environment and experience and would provide a more coherent Foundation Phase for pupils. This proposal will provide pupils with learning opportunities in a single through primary school that are available in other neighbouring schools in Carmarthenshire.

Need for places and the impact on accessibility of schools

In approving this proposal, the Council considered that the need to change the age range of Bynea School is essential in order to support the seamless transition of pupils through the Flying Start programme to school admission.

Resourcing of education

The Council has considered that Bynea School 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.

Objections to the proposal

No objections were received.

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 Sara Griffiths of this department if you have any queries.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,



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