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To: Parents and guardians of children attending St Brides Major C/W Primary School, Staff and Governors of St Brides Major CW Primary School and all Statutory Consultees.

Dear Stakeholder/ Respondent,

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF ST BRIDES MAJOR CHURCH IN WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL BY EXTENDING THE AGE RANGE FROM 4-11YEARS TO 3-11 YEARS AND ESTABLISHING A NURSERY UNIT WITHIN THE SCHOOL.

On 14th March 2016, the Governing Body of St Brides Major C/W primary School determined the proposal to extend the age range of the school and to include a Nursery Unit within the school grounds.

The Governing Body held a full consultation with prescribed consultees that concluded with the issue of a statutory notice on the proposal. The Governing Body received no statutory objections in response to the statutory notice on the proposal. The Governing Body in making its decision considered all the previous reports relating to the proposal together with responses to the consultation set out in the Consultation Report. Taking all matters into account, the Governing Body of St Brides Major C/W Primary School has approved the proposal. As a result St Brides Major C/W Primary School will extend the age range of the school from 4-11 years to 3- 11 years. Also, it is intended that a new nursery unit will be built within the school grounds and will open with a proposed start date of Tuesday 3rd January 2017. In addition to this the Year 5/6 teaching block will be extended to include a cloakroom and link to the main school building.

In determining the proposal, the Governing Body of St Brides Major C/W Primary School is satisfied that the proposal will:

- Maintain the quality and standards of education in the area.
- Facilitate better transition for the pupils.
- Develop strong effective parental links from the earliest possible opportunity.
- Provide ease of access for families who already know and trust the school.

The reasons for the decision in respect to the factors outlined in the School Organisation Code are as follows:-

Quality and Standards of Education

The proposal will enable the high standards of education present to contribute to the high quality provision within one school. This would provide strong leadership, a consistent approach to learning and teaching and strengthen the vision and shared values across the school. The proposal will maximise the benefits arising from such continuous provision and will offer greater potential for improving levels of achievement for all pupils.

Need for places and the impact on the accessibility of schools

The number of school places available for children in the area will increase as a result of the proposal. The extended age range and increased school number will continue to meet the demand of parents for places within the school.

There will be no impact as a result of the proposal on pupils' journeys and available walking routes to the school.

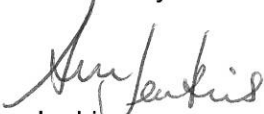
Estyn state "The proposer has evaluated the current standards of leadership, provision and educational outcomes at the school thoroughly. Estyn agrees that the proposed arrangements are unlikely to have any detrimental impact on these standards but have the potential to benefit pupils overall, for example through providing continuous education in one setting through the Foundation Phase."

Resourcing of education

The extended age range of the school and the introduction of a nursery class within the school site will provide a more effective framework to support and build on the strong foundations within the existing school. The extended age range will ensure that available resources are maximised to secure improved outcomes for all children in the catchment area.

The pupil funding formula will continue in line with the Vale of Glamorgan funding policy.

Yours sincerely



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