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To: Parents and guardians of children attending Gwenfo C/W Primary School, Headteacher,  
Staff and Governors of Gwenfo C/W Primary School  
Statutory Consultee

Dear Stakeholder/ Respondent,

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

On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, the Governing Body of Gwenfo 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 Gwenfo C/W Primary School has approved the proposal. As a result Gwenfo C/W Primary School will extend the age range of the school from 4-11 years to 3- 11 years and a new nursery unit will be built within the school grounds and will open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

In determining the proposal, the Governing Body of Gwenfo C/W Primary School was 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 set out clear rationale for addressing the anticipated increase in demand for nursery education and will at least maintain the standards of education within the area."

#### **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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Chair of Governors  
Gwenfo C/W Primary School

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