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Dear Stakeholder

Proposal to amalgamate Fairoak Nursery School and Kimberley Nursery School into a single nursery school on the current Fairoak Nursery School site from September 2021.

The full statutory consultation process has now concluded on the proposal by Newport City Council to amalgamate Fairoak Nursery School and Kimberley Nursery School into a single nursery school on the current Fairoak Nursery School site from September 2021.

Newport City Council's Cabinet Member for Education & Skills considered all views expressed and responses received during the formal consultation process and decided to proceed with the proposal. None of the consultation responses provided sufficient reason to believe that the proposal will have significant adverse impact on nursery provision, the community or other schools.

The consultation document provided reasons for the proposal such as significant surplus places across the two settings, a deficit budget position at Kimberley Nursery school and a general sufficiency of nursery spaces in the Malpas area and in Newport generally. It also noted that the Communication Class will be retained. Furthermore, it noted that no adverse impact is envisaged in terms of nursery provision or on any other settings.

During the statutory consultation period a potential impact on pupil numbers at a local primary school was highlighted, and the Council has confirmed that it is committed to working with that school to mitigate this risk.

A Statutory Notice was published on 1st December 2020 for a period of 37 days and ended 6th January 2021. No objections were received during the statutory proposal stage.

The final determination was taken by Newport City Council's Cabinet Member for Education & Skills. I am pleased to confirm that the proposal will be implemented as outlined in the consultation and the statutory notice from September 2021.

Further information is available on the Council website at:

www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation

Yours sincerely

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