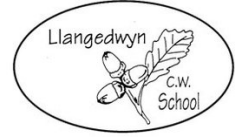




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Powys Schools Transformation announcement

Dear parents and carers

I am writing following the announcement in the media on Tuesday from Powys County Council of their School Transformation plans.

Firstly, the Governing Body regrets that the announcement was made before we had time to properly communicate with you. We received the details of the press release at the same time as it was given to the media.

The press release states that the Council had carried out extensive consultation implying that the detail in the press release had been previously discussed with us. The Council have indeed consulted widely about the Transformation plan, but only regarding the high-level strategy and approach. We were not made aware of their intention to close four schools in our area until less than a day before the press release. This information came as a complete shock to the Governors.

Powys County Council released Cabinet papers late yesterday evening as Governors met and we will be digesting the content over the next few days.

This is a link to the Powys Cabinet papers

<https://powys.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s53096/Cabinet%20Paper%20-%20Llanfyllin%20Catchment%20PBC.pdf>

Should Cabinet agree on 29 September, a formal consultation will commence in December.

I want to assure you that we will very carefully analyse the detail and robustly hold the Council to account. We will not wait until December to do this.

Since we cannot arrange public meetings we will be arranging a Teams meeting for all parents, carers staff and governors at 7 p.m. on Monday 28 September. We will send out an invitation shortly. Please try to attend as your views are vital to the way ahead.

The governors have always worked very hard to secure the best possible outcomes for our children; we will continue to do so.

Chris Richards
Chair of Governors

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