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Cradoc Campus

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Follow-Up from Recent Meeting Regarding Cradoc Campus Concerns

Thank you to all who attended the recent meeting with the school leadership team and the Chair of Governors. We appreciate your time, your thoughtful questions, and your continued commitment to Cradoc campus and our school community during what we know is an uncertain and emotional time.

The purpose of the meeting was to openly discuss the concerns surrounding the next steps and developments for Cradoc Campus.

Several parents raised their concerns regarding the declining pupil numbers, and we shared ideas to work together to explore possible solutions. We are grateful for the constructive dialogue and the shared determination to secure the best future for our children.

Following our discussions, we reviewed the actions from the previous meeting. We would like to share a summary of the key points and the actions we have agreed to take together:

Key Points Raised:

- The current challenges facing the Cradoc Campus, including falling enrolment numbers.
- The criteria and process used by the local authority when considering school closures.
- The importance of community support and advocacy in influencing future decisions.
- Concerns regarding the senior leadership being on the campus at all times.

Agreed Actions:

1. **Community Engagement Campaign** – We will launch a coordinated campaign to promote the school within the local community, highlighting our strengths and unique offerings. This will include:
 - Open Days for prospective families are planned for the following week
 - Social media outreach and local press engagement, the staff will arrange an article in the Brecon and Radnor Express
2. **Parent-Led Working Group** – A group of parent volunteers will work alongside staff and governors to develop and implement strategies to increase enrolment and raise the school's profile.
3. **Fundraising support** – support was offered to organise fundraising events to increase the funding available for the playground developments.
4. **Engagement with the Local Authority** – the headteacher had arranged a meeting the following day with the Director of Education, to ask questions regarding the campus communities concerns

Response

Following the headteacher's meeting with the Director of Education, he has shared that LA Officers are already aware of the decline in pupil numbers and are reviewing the three-campus model for the school. The Local Authority have stated that they are committed to keeping the school community updated with future information.

5. **Feedback and Communication** – We will continue with regular updates to keep families informed of progress and provide opportunities for ongoing feedback and involvement.

We want to reassure all parents and carers that, although our school operates across three campuses, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils remain our highest priority. The campus in question is fully supported in line with Welsh Government safeguarding guidance and the expectations of Powys County Council. A dedicated class-based leader is present on-site every day, providing consistent oversight and pastoral care. In addition, senior leaders are present on-site three days a week, ensuring strategic leadership and immediate support when needed.

To further strengthen safeguarding, we have robust systems in place, including:

- **Daily safeguarding check-ins** and clear lines of communication between campuses.
- **Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP)** available at all times, either on-site or via immediate contact.
- **Regular staff training** on safeguarding procedures and updates in line with national guidance.
- **Secure site access protocols**, including visitor sign-in systems and staff supervision during arrival and departure times.
- **Close collaboration with external agencies** and the Local Authority to ensure best practice and swift responses to any concerns.

These measures ensure that all pupils are safe, supported, and cared for, regardless of which campus they attend.

We understand that this is a challenging time, but we are heartened by the strength of the Cradoc Campus community and the shared commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our children. Your support is invaluable, and together, we believe we can make a positive difference.

We would like to thank the parents that have spent time at the Campus this weekend, clearing the weeds around the grounds.

If you have any further questions or would like to get involved in the working group or campaign efforts, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

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