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'Let's learn to enjoy, achieve, respect and nurture together'

13th March 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

Further to another article in the local press last evening, I feel that it is important for us to share again with you that the school do not receive any information prior to meetings from the Local Authority other than that which is already publicised on the Wrexham Council website. Governors and school staff are stakeholders and have to be treated in the same way as parents / carers, pupils and members of the local community to ensure no one group is disadvantaged.

As a school we pride ourselves on doing our very best to keep parents / carers well informed about things that school are responsible for, including notifications on the school app, the school website, email, texts and occasional paper copies of letters.

Although finding out further information about the WCBC proposals to increase the capacity of Barker's Lane through local press and their associated social media can be frustrating and disappointing to yourselves as parents / carers and to us as a school, this is due to local government policy to ensure that statutory procedures are strictly followed and adhered to.

Executive Board meetings are cast live and available to view after meetings on the WCBC website and press / members of the public are permitted in the gallery. Therefore any decisions that are made are put into the public domain before any information can be provided to the school by the Local Authority.

The governing body responded to the informal consultation around the proposal, sharing similar views to parents and requested that the following are considered as part of the process:

- Maintaining the safety of the pupils, parents, staff and visitors as they come to and from the school, paying particular attention to any potential increase in traffic.
- Ensuring that the education of pupils is not disadvantaged as a result of the proposal.

Following the decision by the Executive Board yesterday, we have now been made aware that the next steps in the process involve the Local Authority publishing a Statutory Notice for the proposal. This is a formal consultation period of 28 days which commences on Thursday 14th March and closes on Thursday 11th April 2019. You will see paper copies of the notice around the school gates and when we are provided with a link to the Statutory Notice on the WCBC website we will share this on the school website.

It has been brought to our attention via social media that there are rumours concerning alternative entrances to the school site. Draft plans were shared by the Local Authority at the 'drop-in' sessions they conducted in October / November which showed an entrance for staff parking / deliveries only (not parent / pupil access) at the back of the school. However these plans were drawn up by the Local Authority to look at what is feasible on the school site and in no way were intended to pre-empt any decisions that are made by WCBC going forward as these are issues for the planning process if that stage is reached.

If following this formal consultation period of the Statutory Notice, any decision to increase capacity at the school is made, then it is at this point, planning is considered. As you will probably already be aware, planning processes have their own consultation period and formal procedures where views of the local community can be shared and discussed.

Please be reassured any information that the school is provided with is shared as soon as is practically possible with you through our usual channels. We are extremely proud of our school where all stakeholders work together within the community to achieve high standards of learning and wellbeing for the children within a caring ethos.

Yours faithfully

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