



# Deri View Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs A Dunn

Chair of Governors: Mr A Cottom

To:-  
Mr Paul Matthews  
Chief Executive  
Monmouthshire County Council  
County Hall  
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Re:-  
**Regulated Alteration to change the type of provision at Deri View Primary School  
Special Needs Resource Base**

This letter responds to your notice regarding the above issued on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

In the first instance, the Governing body of Deri View Primary School would wish to express its disappointment with the outcome of the consultation process that supported the review of ALN provision in the County of Monmouthshire. You'll be aware from our response to that consultation that, properly implemented, we supported the proposed option that would have led to a redeveloped special school for 3-19 year olds together with a managed network of local ALN provision that included Deri View. Given the long history of the involvement that this school has with this issue, we are concerned that an opportunity to enable the best provision possible across the County has been lost.

Turning to the direct impact that the decision has on Deri View Primary School, as a Governing Body we have decided that we will not object to the proposal to:-

“...change the type of provision offered at Deri View Primary School’s Special Needs Resource Base (SNRB) to cater for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Speech Language and Communication Disorder and will include an Assessment Centre”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Taken from statutory notice – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Given the history of special needs provision here at Deri View, this has been a difficult decision for the Governors. Confidence that excellent provision will be properly supported is low. Our decision not to object is on the basis that the Council will honour its commitment to establish excellence in this area by providing the right level of resources and support to Deri View Primary School. Specifically, we wish to be assured that:-

- Sufficient resources will be made available to recruit, train and establish the right level of staffing to enable the effective functioning of the SNRB in Deri View.
- Capital monies will be available to enable a safe environment that is conducive to the needs of the children who will use the SNRB.
- A strong and on-going process of County wide coordination is established so that in effect, there is a managed network of ALN provision across the County

Clearly, the Head Teacher and other staff will work with the Council to develop the right proposals for each of these areas.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Cottom  
Chair of Governors

Cc:-

- Matt Jones, Access Unit Manager
- Will Maclean, Chief Officer Children & Young People

