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Outcome on the consultation on a proposed reduction of the published admission number (PAN) for Surrey Hills Church of England Primary School, Surrey, with effect from September 2019 from 45 to 30

Consultation period: 16 October 2017 – 30 November 2017

Following the consultation on the proposed reduction of the published admission number (PAN) for Surrey Hills Church of England Primary School, the Governing Body has decided to proceed with the reduction to 30 pupils, with effect from September 2019. This has been concluded to be in the absolute best interests of the school.

This decision means that the Governing Body will be able to plan for the long term stability of the school, securing high quality educational outcomes for its students and allowing for a more sustainable financial position.

We would like to thank everyone who responded. We received 16 responses, the majority of which were in support of the reduction. However, we still carefully considered all the comments and concerns raised through the response form sent out with the consultation letter, and at the public meeting held on 1st November.

We are aware there are concerns around the lack of transport between the two sites for future intake years. Both Surrey CC and the Diocese have already been contacted as we search for a solution that both works to support the local community and is sustainable. Once we have further details we will share this with you. The Bus service provided to those reception students enrolled in 2017/2018 will be maintained until they reach the end of their KS1 education.

It is important to note that the catchment areas for Surrey Hills will not change. The two gates at Westcott and Abinger Common will still stand and have equal priorities for applications into Reception even though the provision for this will be at Abinger only.

As a Governing Body, we are committed to safeguarding the provision of Primary Education in our local villages. We will ensure that this necessary change in school structure is introduced with care and consideration to our local families. The best interests of their children and the future of our school remains at the heart of the decision making process.

Clare Evelyn

Chair of Governors

