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Dear Colleague,

DISESTABLISHMENT OF SIXTH FORM PROVISION AT ST MONICA'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

On 12 April 2017 the Council's Cabinet considered a statutory proposal to disestablish the sixth form provision at St Monica's RC High School.

The proposal resulted from the decision made by the Governing Body of St Monica's on 27 February 2017 to publish a proposal to close the sixth form provision. The notice set out arrangements for those affected by the proposal to submit their views and details of the responses received were appended to the report submitted.

The Governing Body had determined that the sixth form provision at St Monica's had failed to recruit strongly and was operating significantly below capacity. Based on current and projected student numbers the sixth form provision at the school was not financially sustainable.

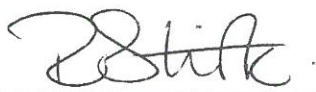
The Governing Body met on 4 April 2017 to consider the fourteen responses received from the consultation process. Five of the responses were opposed to the closure with the remainder in favour of the proposal. The Governing Body had undertaken all reasonable measures to find alternative provision for those students that would be affected by the proposed closure.

I can confirm that The Council's Cabinet determined to approve the proposal to disestablish the sixth form provision at St Monica's RC High School, with effect from 31 August 2017.

In reaching its decision, Cabinet was satisfied that the appropriate statutory process had been carried out, and that the Governing Body had given full consideration to all the responses received. Furthermore, Cabinet gave consideration to the views of those affected by the proposal, or have an interest in it, giving weight to those most directly affected. In addition, Cabinet took account of the arrangements that have been made for displaced students affected by the proposal.

If you have any queries, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details above.

Yours sincerely,



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