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Dear Deborah,

Please find below Hugh Joicey CofE Aided First School Governor response to phase 2 consultation.

Many thanks

Adele Pearson-Atkinson & Keith Gribbin (Co-Chairs)

Governors feel that model B would be the most appropriate model for the partnership however would need careful planning and consideration in order to maximise outcomes and provision for young people within the partnership both in rural and urban localities. The facilities on different school sites could be utilised more effectively to serve the full partnership and therefore increase the curriculum opportunities for young people, e.g. forest school site, outdoor learning space. Providing an opportunity through a two tier system for at least one to be a designated church school to ensure families have an option to send their young person to a church school if desired. The two tier option is appealing as it provides for closer relationship with pupils and teachers as they progress through the key milestones in their education, however absorbing First Schools into Primaries will inevitably diminish something of the precious value that exists in the First School model of early year's provision. Governors however have concerns regarding the ongoing issues around capacity within the SEND school in the partnership and whilst acknowledging there has been some consideration of supporting further development of peripatetic services, Governors feel there is much more detailed planning required to ensure the needs of the SEND community across the partnership are planned for and well met through appropriate resourcing.

Governors recognise that model B would support the rationalisation of school places within the partnership whilst future proofing the partnership.