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Subject: Belford Primary Staff Response to the Berwick Consultation

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Dear Sue,

I have completed an online response to the Berwick consultation. Below is a summary of the staff response:

We fully and strongly support the proposal for Belford Primary School to become part of the Alnwick partnership. We became a primary school in 2018, and all our children choose to progress to the Duchess Community High School.

Our staff team liaise with the staff at DCHS around transition and other arrangements relating to teaching and learning. The headteacher attends regular meetings with other headteachers in the Alnwick partnership.

Currently, our parents have to fund transport to DCHS and many struggle with the cost. If we become part of the Alnwick partnership, our parents will qualify for free home-to-school transport from in and around Belford to Alnwick. There is strong support for Belford Primary to become part of the Alnwick partnership from our parents and the wider community. It will be especially welcome given the current cost of living crisis and its impact on many of our families.

We agree with the proposed plan to slightly reduce our catchment area.

We support the proposal for additional Special Educational Needs provision in the Berwick area. There is clearly a need to reduce the distances that some children are travelling in order to access appropriate provision.

The Grove School is currently providing outstanding provision in a very small building. Whilst we see the benefits therefore of moving the provision to the larger Tweedmouth Middle School site, we are uncertain about the prospect of extending The Grove's specialist provision to include SEMH.

Yours sincerely,
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