

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

To Parents / Carers / Governors / Staff at;

Pinvin CE First School  
Crowle CE First School  
St. Nicholas CE Middle School  
St. Barnabas CE First and Middle School

As you are aware, the Local Authority undertook a lengthy consultation last term offering us all the opportunity to share our views regarding the age ranges of the pyramid schools and the journey our children make to Pershore High School.

This was an important piece of work and I would like to thank all those who took the time to respond.

I can confirm that LA has received and analysed the responses and are now engaged in a process to take the matter forward. However, they are no longer able to submit the responses to Worcestershire County Council Cabinet in February 2022, as they had previously intended.

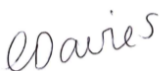
In explanation, the LA has issued the following statement which they have requested we share with all our stakeholders;

*I am writing to let you know that at this time we need to do further work with the Department for Education and Avonreach Multi-Academy Trust to find a collective and collaborate solution to create the additional Year 7 places required at Pershore High School to enable further age-range changes. I am sorry that this is not yet resolved and at this point no further proposals can proceed to make age range changes in the Pershore area for September 2022. However, we are committed to complete this further work and confirm recommendations as soon possible. Please can I ask you to communicate this to your parents/carers.*

This is obviously not what we were wanting to hear at this point and I can understand that for some, the lack of clarity will be frustrating. However, I would like to reassure you that the staff in each of our DoWMAT academies will continue to do all they can to provide the very best education and care for your children, whilst negotiations are ongoing.

We will keep you informed of any further developments. In the meantime, should you wish to discuss the matter further, please speak in the first instance with your Headteacher.

Yours sincerely,



CEO DoWMAT