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Crewkerne and Ilminster School Structure Change Proposals

Dear parent/guardian,

On 21 October the Council's cabinet decided to undertake a consultation about the structure of schools in the Crewkerne and Ilminster area. As promised in the letter you received from me on 7 October, I am writing to provide you with an update and provide you with details about how you can have your say on the Council's plans.

The consultation will run for four weeks between Thursday 12 November and Thursday 10 December. Due to the restrictions on public events due to coronavirus, a series of virtual Teams Live consultation events will take place as follows:

1. Tuesday 17 November – 5.30pm-7.30pm
2. Wednesday 18 November – 7.45pm-9.45pm
Please note that this event is specifically to discuss Misterton First School
3. Tuesday 24 November – 7.45pm-9.45pm
4. Thursday 26 November – 4.15pm-6.15pm

Event registration details will be published on Thursday 12 November at www.somerset.gov.uk/crewkerne-and-ilminster-strategic-school-review

Consultation responses should be submitted between Thursday 12 November and Thursday 10 December at 5.00pm. This can be done by completing an online questionnaire which will be available between these dates at www.somerset.gov.uk/schoolsconsultation

Anyone with specific questions requiring a response is encouraged to email crewkerneilminsterschools@somerset.gov.uk or send them in writing to 'Crewkerne & Ilminster Consultation, Somerset County Council, PP-B3E3, B3 East, County Hall, The Crescent, Taunton TA1 4DY'.

This consultation exercise is only one opportunity to respond. Depending on the outcome of this listening exercise, it would be followed by publication of notices and a further four-week period when members of the public can respond. I'll write to you on 4 January with an update at this stage.

When both four-week periods of consultation have finished, we will go back to the Cabinet to make a final decision on what will happen to schools in the area.

We want you to be involved in developing the proposals and are committed to listening to your views. We encourage you to take part, join our virtual events and have your say in our public consultation.

The latest information, including full details of how you can have your say and the virtual public consultation events, is available here: www.somerset.gov.uk/crewkerne-and-ilminster-strategic-school-review

A link to the online questionnaire (when the consultation goes live on Thursday 12 November) will also be on this page. I will write to you again when the consultation goes live on 12 November by way of a courtesy reminder to visit the site and give your views.

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