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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re Post-16

Following the letter I sent out yesterday there has been some concern raised and I apologise that I was not very clear in what I had written.

The proposals to reallocate Post-16 at Cockburn John Charles only refers to our ex-Rodillian pupils – we will maintain a Post-16 provision on this site for those who require it. This is still in the very early stages – only 3 staff visited the school at the end of the summer and we are making arrangements for more staff to look around next week. We have not signed anything and have told the LA that we will try and assist them with this move but if the phased trial is not successful and the parent consultation proves oppositional, then we will remain as we are. Before anything can be formalised a consultation would need to be held and changes made to EHCPs renaming the site

I do believe though that for many of our students this will be a positive move otherwise I would not have instigated it – but we need to try it. I am perfectly willing to have a meeting with parents but feel we need to have a trial first so that we have something factual to discuss rather than speculation. If anyone wants to meet me about this then that is fine – please call me. Perhaps it might help if one or two parents accompanied staff next week on the visit – but we would not have room for a large group – again if interested please have a word with me.

At present the LA are providing extra funds to school to allow us to continue with a 5 day provision but this will be gradually phased out from September 2018. Those students presently in Post-16 will be guaranteed a 5 day offer until they leave, but students entering from September 2018 will only have funding for 3 days. Transport are looking to implement similar arrangements. Lots of discussions are taking place as the SILCs would still like to offer 5 days for all – so we will have to see what comes of this – but that is the position at the moment.

I hope this helps – and sorry again if I have caused any undue anxiety or concern.

John Fryer



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