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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Diocese of Worcester Multi-Academy Trust (DOWMAT) and governors of Crowle CE First School have taken the decision to consult on a proposed change of age from September 2021. The proposed change of age is to move from a First School, catering for children aged 4-9 years, to a Primary School, catering for children aged to 4-11 years. This would mean that we could cater for children up to the end of Key Stage Two.

The DOWMAT and governors have held back on carrying out the consultation up until now because of the unprecedented situation that we have found ourselves in due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is due to the fact that, in an ideal situation, we would like to be able to hold face to face meetings as part of the process.

However, in order to meet key time frames and therefore be able to plan strategically, the governors must now move forward with the consultation process.

Please find attached the consultation document which outlines the rationale for the proposed change of age and the plans that have been put in place to make this a viable possibility for the school. The document also addresses points that the governors anticipate could be raised by those with whom we are consulting.

The consultation will run for a period of 6 weeks, closing on Friday 4th December 2020. Due to the fact that we are not able to hold a face to face meeting to answer questions, we ask that any questions, issues or responses are submitted via email to martina.abbott@crowle.dowmat.education by 12 noon on this date. They will be responded to on an individual basis.

In addition to consulting with our neighbouring schools, we will be consulting with parents/carers and other relevant stakeholders as required.

Once the consultation period has ended, all submitted questions, issues and responses to the consultation, along with the governor responses to these, will be collated and shared with all those consulted in one document. The initial consultation document and this outcome document will then be submitted to the Local Authority for their consideration as to whether this is a proposal that can be approved.

Thank you in anticipation for taking the time to read and consider this document.

Kind regards,

Martina Abbott
(Headteacher)

Marisa Hackett-Lee
(Chair of Governors)