REGULATED ALTERATION TO
ST AIDAN’S CHURCH IN WALES VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOL – ADMISSION OF PART TIME THREE YEAR OLD PUPILS

(a) There are currently 51 primary schools in Pembrokeshire able to admit part-time three year olds. It is the Council’s policy to consider extending the lower age range of primary schools when requested by individual governing bodies and when it is in the interest of effective service delivery.

(b) At its meeting on 30 June 2016, the governing body of St Aidan’s Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School considered the report of the Acting Executive Headteacher on the merits of extending the age range of the school in order to admit three year old pupils. In her report, the Headteacher stated that the school has sufficient capacity to accommodate this proposal and that “it would be in the school's best interest and would address parental response in noting an interest for three year olds to attend”. The Headteacher also alluded to the need to work with the Clarbeston Road Playgroup should a proposal be agreed.

(c) The alteration of the age range of a school by a year or more is defined as a regulated alteration in the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director for Children and Schools be authorised to undertake statutory consultation on the proposal to make a regulated alteration to St Aidan’s Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School in order to admit part time three year old pupils.

Background Documents:
School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013
School Organisation Code, Welsh Government (006/2013)