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**Epinay**

Business & Enterprise School

Head Teacher: Mr C Rue

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15 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer/Pupil

### **Consultation on the redesignation, enlargement & relocation of Epina y Business and Enterprise School**

You will recall that South Tyneside Local Authority informed you about a report on the possible enlargement and relocation of Epina y School that was due to be discussed by the Council's Cabinet on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

At their meeting Cabinet agreed that Council Officers could start discussions with Epina y School about a possible enlargement and move from the current Epina y School site at Clervaux Terrace, Jarrow to the former South Shields School site in Nevison Avenue, South Shields.

The Local Authority held meetings, via Zoom, with parents/carers, pupils and staff to seek their views. Those views were then considered by Cabinet at their meeting in July 2020 and it was agreed to progress to a more detailed planning stage. Since then the Head Teacher and Governors have worked with the Local Authority and their appointed architects to develop plans for the former South Shields School.

As the Governing Body of Epina y School we intend to make the following three formal proposals to Cabinet at their July 2021 meeting when they will make a decision as to whether to agree to them:

1. The change the current designation of the school.
2. To enlarge the school from its current 172 pupils to 215 pupils.
3. To relocate Epina y School from its current site to the former South Shields School site.

To support the proposals the governing body would like to do our own consultation with our parents/carers, pupils, staff and other interested parties. We want to make sure that everyone has the chance to give us their views on the proposals and to get any information they need on what it will mean for them. The first stage of our consultation will run from 15 March 2021 to 12 April 2021.

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Because we know how important this is to you and your child, we have arranged the following meetings, via Zoom, with parents and carers:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 2.00pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 6.00pm

Parents / carers wishing to attend either meeting - please email [sstephenson5@epinay.org](mailto:sstephenson5@epinay.org) for the Zoom link.

In the meantime, I know you will have many questions about the possible change in designation, enlargement and move and so have enclosed an information sheet and some questions and answers that may be helpful to you at this stage. An email address and a postal address are included below if you want any other information, or want to make your views known at this stage:

Email address: [Epinay.queries@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:Epinay.queries@southtyneside.gov.uk)

Postal Address: Epinay Business and Enterprise School, Clervaux Terrace, Jarrow NE32 5UP

Responses must be received by **12 April 2021**

The second stage of consultation, known as the Representation Period, will be held in May/June and views from both stages of consultation will be included in the report to Council's Cabinet in July 2021, when a decision will be taken on whether to agree the Statutory Proposals to enlarge and relocate Epinay School.

It is important to stress that at this stage no decisions have been made. There are no changes planned at this time and your child will continue to attend Epinay School in the usual way, but recognising the current position due to Covid-19.

Yours sincerely

**Audrey Huntley**  
Chair of Governors

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