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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE MOUNTON HOUSE SPECIAL SCHOOL**

We have received the following information from Monmouthshire County Council regarding the proposed closure of Mounton House Special School:-

Dear consultee,

I am writing to update you on the proposed closure of Mounton House Special School.

You will be aware that the consultation report relating to these proposals was published to all consultees on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019, in readiness for consideration by the Council's Cabinet at their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This report provided feedback on the comments and concerns raised during the consultation period, together with the Council's response.

The Council's Cabinet met on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to consider the consultation report and the recommendations made to them. The decision made by Cabinet was to proceed to the next stages of the statutory process to close Mounton House Special School with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

The proposals to close Mounton House Special School must now be published by way of a statutory notice. The statutory notice (attached) has been formally published today, **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

The statutory notice will today be published:

- On the council website at [www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation](http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation)
- On or near the main entrance of Mounton House Special School
- By distribution to all statutory consultees, including pupils, parents/carers, and staff of Mounton House Special School. The notice may be distributed to consultees by email.

The publication of the statutory notice will open the statutory objection period, therefore, anyone wishing to make a statutory objection against the proposal can now do so. To be considered as a statutory objection, objections must be made in writing or by email, and sent to the Council within 28 days of the date on which the notice was published.

Objections should be sent to Matthew Jones, Access Unit Manager, Monmouthshire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 106, Caldicot, NP26 9AN or by email to [strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk). For clarity, the closing date for statutory objections is **5<sup>th</sup> November 2019**.

**Important:** You must respond during the statutory objection period if you wish to formally object to these proposals. Any concerns raised during the consultation stage of this process will not automatically be treated as statutory objections.

The summary timeline below has been included for easy reference of next steps in this statutory process:

Consultation Stage	Date
Statutory Notices published and the Statutory Objection period opened	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Statutory Objection Period closes	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
Publication of Objection Report	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
Cabinet to consider Objection Report and determine whether proposals are to be implemented	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Proposals Implemented (if agreed)	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020

I will again write to you after the closure of the statutory objection period with details of how to access the objection report. In the meantime, if you have any queries in relation to the content of this letter or during the statutory objection period, please do not hesitate to contact us via [strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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Chief Officer for Children and Young People