

RESPONSE FROM LLANGATTOCK CHURCH IN WALES SCHOOL, 21ST FEBRUARY 2024

Good morning Tim,

Apologies for not getting back to you sooner but I wanted to give the governing body every opportunity to feed in to the place plan and to have their voices heard in terms of our response.

The governing body met last night and the response to the place plan was discussed in some detail and our response to the plan is below.

We are aware of the challenges that a school in the geographical position of Llangattock Church in Wales School pose to the residents of Llangattock but are also pleased that the school is at the heart of our local community, and with the part that the school plays in supporting all village stakeholders, not just the children in our care for 190 days per year. We appreciate that for some small amount of time during term time the logistical transport issues of parents and carers safely picking up and dropping off the children in their care is a frustration for a minority of residents. Obversely, we have had many positive comments from local residents who have commented on the good behaviour of our children and how nice it is to have their day brightened by the sight and sound of our pupils walking to and from school.

We have discussed in some detail alternatives to parents dropping off at the three entrances to school but we have failed to come up with alternatives which provide equal or greater safety for our pupils. Obviously the safeguarding of our pupils need to be our primary concern and must be at the heart of any discussion. We would support the establishment of a car park in Llangattock which would ease the parking issues in the village but we have to also support our stakeholders in getting our children to school in as safe a manner as possible. We have resolved to put up signage on the school gate and to remind all parents via email that care should be taken when dropping off and picking up from the school.

The potential of walking buses was discussed at our governors meeting and the fact that some attempts have been made to organise such things. Unfortunately these attempts have not borne fruit due to parental responsibility requirements, working patterns/availability of parents/carers and to the spread out geographical nature of those households willing to take part.

With regard to your second point, as a faith Church in Wales School, Llangattock does not have a catchment as such and therefore attracts parents from any area who wish their children to attend a faith school. Any increase in traffic would therefore be dependent on number of pupils attending the school and not a specific catchment area. The number of pupils attending the school has been largely constant for the last few years.

We would be happy to engage in further discussion with parents/carers, the Community Council, Powys County Council or any other bodies who can contribute to making the school a safer place for our learners and for all Llangattock stakeholders.

Kind regards

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