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Our Ref: NJK PAN 12/2017
Date: 15 December 2017

Dear Julia and James

Re: Norton Juxta Kempsey proposal to reduce the schools Pupil Admission Number from 40 to 30

I refer to the Avonreach Academy Trust Consultation letter of 1 November 2017, relating to your Governing Body proposal to reduce the schools Pupil Admission Number from 40 to 30. As you are aware changes to School Admission arrangements including reduction of Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN) require consultation as per the statutory requirements in the Code on School Admissions. As part of this requirement, the Academy Trust must consult with the Local Authority on such proposal, therefore thank you for writing to us.

It is the Local Authorities duty to ensure sufficiency of school places. This proposal will reduce the number of school places across Reception to Year 4 in the Pershore Education Planning area resulting in an insufficiency of places for years 3 and 4 in 2022 and 2023 respectively in the Pershore area. Forecasts suggest there will be 295 pupils in Year 3 in 2022 and 294 pupils in Year 4 in 2023 against a total PAN of 292 following this change. Therefore the Local Authority does not support the PAN reduction at Norton Juxta Kempsey.

It is noted that if approved, the school wish to lower their PAN and change in age range to be effective from September 2019. Taking into account all the factors noted in the Avonreach proposal consultation and FAQs, Worcestershire County Council also does not support the proposal to change the age range of Norton Juxta Kempsey First School at this time (letter ref: NJK Age range 12/2017).

Yours sincerely



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