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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONSULTATION ON JOINT CHANGES TO PROVISION AT OAKLANDS PARK SCHOOL AND RATCLIFFE SCHOOL, DAWLISH

Across our two schools, Oaklands Park and Ratcliffe, we continue to improve the quality of the education and care we offer, something which we are truly proud of. To build on the positive impact that has been achieved by previously federating the two schools and to secure a sustainable financial future, the governors, with my full support, have proposed that we merge the two residential schools within the Dawlish federation to form one weekly residential special school provision.

By becoming one residential special school provision we will enable pupils from the federation to benefit from combined skills, knowledge and expertise of the staff team alongside benefitting from the combined resources, buildings and environment that exists within the two schools. This will enable likeminded staff to work together to drive forward new initiatives that will have a positive impact on the outcomes for our pupils.

The proposed merger will enable us to utilise the fabulous grounds that we have across the federation not just recreationally but educationally with dedicated leads for forest school, rural skills and Outdoor Education. This is an exciting project that further builds on our commitment to promote the holistic development of our pupils; fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.

This is an exciting opportunity for the governors, myself and staff to create a united, single, forward thinking and outward looking centre of excellence that provides the highest quality of education and care to our pupils.

Below is a link to the Consultation brochure, produced by Devon County Council, which will provide further information concerning the consultation process and relevant timescales, also a link to the 'Have Your Say' consultation web page.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Rose', written in a cursive style.

Mark Rose
Executive Principal