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10th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Formal partnership with King Henry VIII School, Abergavenny

I write to inform you that the full governing body have been working closely with Torfaen Council to secure an Executive Head Teacher appointment for at least the next 12 months to provide support to Croesyceiliog School.

At the meeting, governors fully considered the implications of the proposal, and I can confirm the governors have agreed to enter a partnership, which will commence from 23rd March 2020 through to April 2022. The partnership will be formally reviewed on a termly basis.

As you may be aware, Mr David Taylor recently suffered a serious injury which means he will not be returning to school in the foreseeable future. Mr Taylor is due to retire from his position in July 2020 so our partnership will provide time to consider his replacement.

King Henry VIII School is a similar school to Croesyceiliog in terms of its 11 – 16 age profile and socio-economic background. The partnership will provide the additional support we require with strategic leadership to address underperformance in key areas.

King Henry VIII is also a successful school and a National Professional Learning Pioneer School. It has been on a similar journey of improvement and we believe their support through a formal partnership arrangement will help take our school to new heights.

As part of the partnership, governors have agreed that Mrs Lewis from King Henry VIII will be taking on the responsibility for leading both schools as Executive Headteacher. Mrs Lewis has already been active in providing support to other schools across south east Wales.

In this new role, Mrs Lewis will spend three days per week at Croesyceiliog School to work with leaders, staff and the school's governing body to help bring about improvements in provision and standards. She will spend the remaining two days per week at King Henry VIII School.

We will be holding a meeting for parents on the 25th of March at 5pm in the main hall which will be an opportunity to meet Mrs Lewis and for the school to explain how we will make rapid progress against Estyn's recommendations.



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Parents and Carers who cannot make this meeting can email [Head.CroesyceiliogComp@Torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:Head.CroesyceiliogComp@Torfaen.gov.uk) or call 01633 645900 to make an appointment to discuss the Estyn report.

I am sure you will wish Mrs Lewis and the leadership team well in their efforts.

Yours sincerely

Colin Crick, Chair of Governors