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My Ref JAH/JB

Your Ref

Dear Colleague

**Plymouth City Council: capacity and designation of special schools**

I am writing to you with important information regarding the October 2018 public consultation that sought views on:

1. A review of the capital requirements of special schools
2. A review of post-16 specialist capacity within the local area
3. The designation of special schools

The consultation process has concluded, and Cabinet formally approved the proposals on Tuesday 15 January 2019. A document that summarises the outcomes of the consultation along with an implementation plan can be found at:

<https://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/kb5/plymouth/directory/lopage.page?id=PK9Jc6n6JJJE>

I would ask that you take some time to consider the documents within your Senior Leadership Team discussions.

As you know, it is essential that we work in partnership to identify, understand and respond to the needs of children and families in the city and we carry out this planning through a three-year cycle. The consultation referred to in this letter sits within the SEND Review and Framework 2018 - 2021 and I would ask that both you and appropriate members of your school's governing body familiarise yourselves with this overarching plan. The plan can be found at:

<https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/plymouth/pod/files/sendstrategy.pdf>

Yours sincerely

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

Judith Harwood  
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