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Dear

Statutory consultation on changes to provision at the Melrose Centre and Southlands School

I wrote to you in February to let you know that the Council's Cabinet, the main decision-making body of the Council, had decided that there should be a period of statutory consultation about the changes to provision at the Melrose Centre and Southlands School. The statutory consultation ended on 2 April 2020 and I am writing to update you about the next steps.

My letter in February explained that the changes, if approved, mean that the Melrose Centre would be led by Southlands School. It would stay in the same location at Longbenton High School. This would provide stability for the pupils now at Melrose, who would remain there, and the existing staff team would continue to support them.

The Council's Cabinet will consider a report about the proposal for the Melrose Centre on 26 May 2020. The report will recommend that the Cabinet approves the proposal. I will write to you again in June to inform you of the Cabinet's decision.

In the meantime if you have individual questions or concerns about your child and their Education Health and Care Plan please contact the SEND Support Service on 0191 643 8684.

You can get impartial information and advice from the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS). This specialist service can help you with all aspects of special educational needs. Contact Details: Amanda Durrant or Nicola Gregg tel. (0191) 643 8313 or (0191) 643 8317 or email: SENDIASS@northtyneside.gov.uk

You may also want to contact the North Tyneside Parent Carer Forum – tel. (0191) 406 0018 or e-mail: info@ntpcf.co.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Buckle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dash at the end.

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