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Dear parents and carers,

Last month, we wrote to you about the consultation regarding the proposal to establish an Area Resource Base (ARB) at Pondhu Primary School for children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs and/or Autism.

Today, we were informed that the Department for Education has deferred its decision on the proposal until the Autumn Term. Whilst this is not the outcome we had hoped for at this stage, we recognise that the proposals form part of a national decision-making process and appreciate the communication we have received regarding the revised timeline.

Importantly, this decision will not affect the support that the identified children will receive from September. Cornwall Council has confirmed the additional staffing and resources required to enable these children to access an enhanced package of provision while the formal approval process continues. This means that children and families will not experience unnecessary delays in receiving the support they need.

The additional staffing and resources have been provided specifically to strengthen this provision. As a result, the support and opportunities available to the children already attending Pondhu Primary School will continue as planned, ensuring all pupils remain well supported within their learning environment.

We remain committed to working closely with Cornwall Council, the Department for Education and our families as the proposal progresses, and we will keep you updated as soon as we receive any further information.

Kind regards,

Rachel Clift
Headteacher
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