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Tim Oliver Leader of the Council Surrey County Council

Dear Tim

<u>Proposal to create a new school following the amalgamation of Christ Church CofE Infant School</u> (CC) and Englefield Green Infant School & Nurseries (EGIS)

I hope you are well. I am writing on behalf of the governing body of St. Jude's CofE Junior School to express our unanimous support for the above proposal. Whilst St. Jude's is not directly involved in the creation of the new school, EGIS is our main feeder school (and its proposed successor will be too), and beyond that we naturally have an active interest in the primary school education of all the children of our local area. We have a strong and successful record of working collaboratively with all the other schools in our area for our mutual benefit to improve the outcomes of our pupils.

We see the proposed amalgamation as being a natural and necessary evolution of the provision of high quality, sustainable primary stage education of the children in the Englefield Green and Virginia Water area, particularly given the financial challenges our local schools are facing.

Personally, it has been a pleasure to work with the Chairs and Headteachers of both schools, as well the Diocese and your colleagues with the Council, to discuss and develop this proposed solution which I firmly believe is in the best, long term interests of all stakeholders in the circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Martyn Shapter Chair of Governors

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