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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

Nobody in a role within the council is saying that “small schools cannot deliver the new curriculum” or even implying that. What is being said is that it will be more challenging for a teacher who teaches 3- or 4-year groups at a time to deliver the change that is needed therefore larger schools are better equipped in terms of human resource. We are yet to meet a professional who would not concur with this view – and our trades unions are concerned about the workload in schools with teaching heads and multiple year groups in each class. It is far more challenging for our smallest schools to engage, compared with those schools that have an individual member of staff responsible for a single area of learning and experience for the whole school, rather than a single teacher leading on all six AoLEs for an entire key stage (as schools are currently configured).