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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Cabinet Member:

Can the Cabinet Member for Education and the Leader confirm whether the LibDem/Labour coalition intends to carry out their pre-election commitments to prevent the closure of all three schools, (Cradoc, Dolau and Llanbedr) or not?

As previously-explained, The Progressive Partnership has carried out the Lib Dem pre-election commitments to Cradoc, Llanfihangel Rhydithon (Dolau) and Llanbedr Primary Schools – the previous decisions by the Conservative-Independent Cabinet to close Dolau and Llanbedr Schools have been paused and a delay of 12 months introduced to allow further work on both schools to take place, In the case of Dolau the exploration of a scrutiny observation in respect of the Welsh language and for Llanbedr a catchment review to prevent the risk of children having to change schools twice. Following this work further decisions on both schools' futures will be made.

With reference to Cradoc Primary School, the Cabinet decided to allow the decision of the previous Conservative-Independent Cabinet to stand as phase one is in keeping with the preferred model of multi sited schools under a single governance structure outlined in the Liberal Democrat Manifesto. Phase 2 will move forward on the successful completion of the business case process for the new build school and we would not seek to prejudge that process.

Can they (Cllr James Gibson-Watt and Cllr Pete Roberts) also both apologise for misleading Cabinet, Council and the public please?

No apology is required as neither of us has misled anyone although we suggest that Cllr Macintosh may consider that an apology from himself to the pupils, parents and communities of Dolau and Llanbedr Primary Schools is in order for his own actions in voting to close both schools while he was a Cabinet Member and ask him to reflect on why a majority of his own group opposed his motion to protect Cradoc earlier this summer.