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achievement for all

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The Governing Body of Pent Valley School is shocked by the decision of the local authority to consult on the school's closure.

Pent Valley's dedicated staff have been working exceptionally hard to transform the school in terms of attendance, behaviour, learning and achievement since April 2015 when the new senior leadership team was appointed. As governors, we have given the school wholehearted support and have played our part in bringing about many improvements. Indeed, a recent external assessment showed that the school has made substantial and significant progress in all areas.

As Governors, we have a duty to provide the very best education to pupils and, with a rapidly falling roll and increasing budget deficit, it is not going to be possible to provide the range of teaching staff and curriculum choices we would expect across all years and all subjects.

It is with heavy hearts and the greatest reluctance that we understand the reasons behind the local authority's decision to consult on closure. Nevertheless, we promise to ensure that Pent Valley continues to operate at the highest standard and provides the very best education possible to its pupils while it remains open.

Michael Chisnall  
Chair of Governors Pent Valley

