Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the Governing Board of Baines School, Highcross Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 8BE intends to make a prescribed alteration to Baines School from 31st August 2019.

It is proposed that the school will permanently lower its age range from 11-18 years to 11-16 years with effect from 31st August 2019, through the closure of the Sixth Form.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be inspected at Baines School at the above address; at Wyre Council offices, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7PU and Poulton Library, Blackpool Old Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire FY6 7DH. Printed copies can be obtained from Chloe Porter, PA to the Headteacher. The proposal can also be accessed from the school’s website at <http://baines.lancs.sch.uk>

Any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by posting them to Sarah Hirst, Learning and Skills Service, Room C27, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD. Responses can also be emailed to sarah.hirst@lancashire.gov.uk . To be considered as part of the decision making process to determine the proposal, responses must be received no later than 4pm on Friday 19th January 2018.

Signed by: Robert Fletcher, Chair of Governors of Baines School.

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Explanatory Notes

Under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information about representations to the published proposal may be accessed by members of the public.

The proposal arises because of concerns about the financial viability of the sixth form and the school’s need to deliver a financial recovery plan in order to bring the school into surplus by the end of the financial year 2019/20. The Local Authority will need to decide whether to implement the proposal before 19th March 2018, otherwise it must be referred to the Adjudicator for a final decision.