

**Cabinet – Thursday 11 July 2019**

**Written Question from Katie Riley – Clerk to Governors - Shalfleet & Yarmouth CE Schools**

**Re: West Wight School Places – Outcome of Consultation**

1. How do you intend to carry out the preferred option when you do not have the backing or support of the Board of Governors?
2. On what legal basis do you propose to move Yarmouth School which is Voluntary Aided to Freshwater?
3. In a Consultation about reducing the surplus of school places in the West Wight, why would you recommend the option that does not reduce the surplus?

## ***Response***

- Q 1. Subject to the outcome of the formal consultation and future Cabinet decision officers will continue to work with the schools involved, as they have throughout in order to secure the changes that are required.
- Q 2. DfE guidance on “Making significant changes (‘prescribed alterations’) to maintained schools” does set-out who can propose and decide upon many aspects of school organisation.
- Moving a school less than two miles falls outside the DfE guidance “Making significant changes (‘prescribed alterations’) therefore, the Council has the authority to propose such a move.
- Q 3. The reduction in PAN would be achieved. Closing All Saints’ reduces the provision in the area by 210; with a maximum of 105 additional places being proposed at Yarmouth, this is a minimum net reduction of 105 places. A further prospect of 70 fewer places at Brighstone can also be achieved by the school reducing their PAN from 30 to 20 per year. This has been discussed with the Head Teacher of the school.