

The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth

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The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth is to educate children in an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best they can, now and throughout their lives

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Dear Brian

Following our recent meeting and having taken specialist legal advice, Governors have given careful consideration to the Local Authority's options presented to us in regard to school place planning in West Wight. They have concluded that effectively there are only two which are either for the Governors to agree to in principle relocate the school or face the action of closure of the school by the Local Authority. The Governing Body of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth have therefore made the very difficult decision to propose the relocation of Yarmouth CE Primary School to Freshwater in principle, subject to consultation, following which the Governing Body will make a final decision.

Given the circumstances, where the LA and the Diocese both support this relocation, the local demographic situation regarding Yarmouth's likely future pupil numbers in its current site, and the potential alternative of the closure of Yarmouth School by the Local Authority, Governors felt there was no alternative but to make this decision in principle.

We are in receipt of your letter of 19 September 2019 in which you confirm the Local Authority's 'absolute commitment to making this work for the children', the support you will make available to the school and the confirmation that you will not seek to change the age range of the school should Governors finally decide to relocate the school. To aid communication with all parties going forward, we ask that all planning and public communication documents are agreed with us prior to publication and look forward to receiving your confirmation of this.

This decision has not been reached lightly, nor without cost and the Governors feel the Local Authority bears significant responsibility for this. Governors wish to reaffirm their commitment to the school, the Federation, the children, staff and parents/carers, seeking continuity and stability for the long term.

Yours sincerely

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