

**Cabinet – 9 January 2020**

**Written question from John Caulcutt to the Leader, Isle of Wight Council**

Would the Cabinet agree that the Council would be in breach of its fiduciary duty if it supports the relocation/closure of Yarmouth School by moving it to the All Saints site, before the funding (in full) is categorically and unequivocally approved by the D of E and the details made public?

Once again it has been reported that work on site is pressing forward whilst funding for the new school in Freshwater has not yet been secured despite assurances from the Council that the site would be the subject of a multi million pound investment from the Department for Education.

## ***Response***

The Cabinet would not agree that the Council is in breach of its fiduciary duty if it supports the relocation of Yarmouth CE Primary School to the All Saints' site. Through the Department for Education, Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP2) the All Saints' site has for some time been a location identified for significant investment. The council and DfE have agreed that the best solution for the site is the demolition and replacement of all the existing structures apart from the original school façade, this will be retained and refurbished because of its historical value.

A detailed process as set out by the DfE is now fully underway to put the funding required in place to deliver the agreed scheme. This is a process used across the country by the DfE to ensure all schemes funded through PSBP2 deliver the very best educational outcomes possible.