



Governing Body of Red Hill C of E Primary School

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Increase of PAN to Red Hill C of E Primary School Response to the Full Proposal

Dear Sarah,

The Governing Body of Red Hill C of E Primary School provides the following response to the full proposal and for submission to the Worcestershire County Council Cabinet.

We have serious concerns that the Local Authority's proposal for the expansion project (Layout Option B) will not allow the school to continue to provide our children with a quality education. Discussions with the architects and the project managers for the Red Hill C of E Primary School planned PAN increase from 30 to 60 indicate that, following the expansion, the school will have fewer facilities than at present. This will adversely affect our children's ability to achieve their potential.

Following discussions with the LA project team, we understand that the budget will allow a building to be built but not for the provision of a school facility that meets the guidance set out in *Bulletin 103 Area Guidelines for Mainstream Schools*, June 2014. Our response to the consultation submitted in December 2015 specified a number of items of essential infrastructure, based on the guidance in Bulletin 103, to enable us to educate children to the standards required by the DoFE and the LA. These do not appear to have been noted and included within the LA's proposal.

The LA's current budget for the project will only deliver a set of classrooms built in the middle of the existing playground. This may meet the minimum required outcome of a new-build project **but will not produce an environment that the school can be effectively managed for future generations.**

The Governors of Red Hill C of E Primary School will not continue to support this expansion project unless more resources can be allocated so that the high standard of education which we provide for our children can be maintained.

We require approval of a revised detailed specification before agreeing to increasing the PAN from one form entry to two form entry at the school from September 2017.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Red Hill C of E Primary School Governing Body

Attachments

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