

To Staff, Parents/Guardians and other interested parties

6 January 2011

Dear Consultee

Proposal to close St Bede's Catholic Science College and expand Haven High Technology College in Boston onto the St Bede's site under the governance, leadership and management of the Boston Witham School's Federation (BWSF)

The Local Authority (LA) has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient places in mainstream schools for all children of statutory school age. It is also the duty of the LA to provide high educational standards, enable fair access to educational opportunity for every child and promote the fulfilment of each child's potential.

St Bede's is one of the smallest secondary schools in Lincolnshire. As a stand alone school this makes it increasingly difficult to provide a broad and balanced curriculum and also has implications for the school's ability to recruit qualified teaching staff with appropriate subject specialisms. In August 2008 St Bede's was the second lowest performing school in England under the 5 A*-C including English and maths measure and was designated a National Challenge School. The school has made progress having received significant support, however results continue to be below government floor standards. Where a school cannot maintain performance above the floor standards the LA must seek a structural solution or closure of the school. The structural solution proposed for St Bede's is for the school to close and become part of the Boston Witham School's Federation (BWSF) which currently comprises Haven High Technology College, Carlton Road Primary School and Staniland Primary School. The St Bede's site would continue to be a secondary education facility as an expansion of Haven High Technology College under the governance, leadership and management of the BWSF.

It is important that the LA gather and consider all views on this proposal prior to making a decision regarding its implementation.

A consultation document is available which outlines the reasons for this proposal and explains in more detail the need for the proposal and how it can benefit the children and the community. This document can be viewed or downloaded from our website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning Alternatively a copy can be obtained from Property & Technology Management, Children's Services, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln, LN1 1YQ or by emailing provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk or by calling 01522 553329.

APPENDIX C

A public meeting to discuss this proposal will also be held at St Bede's Catholic Science College at 6.00pm on Thursday 20 January 2011. If you are unable to attend this meeting you will be able to view details of the question and answer session which will be published on our website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning as soon as possible after 20 January.

If you wish to comment on this proposal please return the attached form by Thursday 17th February 2011. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Property and Technology Management team.

Yours sincerely



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