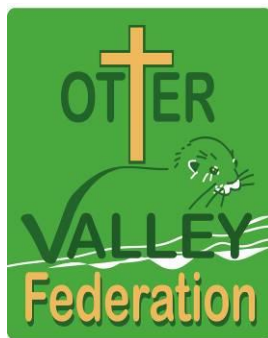


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3rd February 2017

Dear Parents,

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF TIPTON ST JOHN PRIMARY SCHOOL – AN UPDATE

We very much regret that the consultation for any proposals for the future of the school on an alternative site has not yet commenced.

The reason for the delay is that under The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 it is necessary that the site and the funding has been secured to implement a proposal.

At the present time negotiations are proceeding on outstanding issues, with Devon County Council, the Diocese and the governors working in partnership to take matters forward. Following consultations a funding proposal has recently been taken forward to Ministers at the Department for Education and we are hopeful that a decision will be forthcoming in the near future.

Under the 2013 Act there will be a statutory process which involves 4 stages:

- Stage 1: Publication of a statutory proposal/notice
- Stage 2: Representation (formal consultation) which must be at least 4 weeks
- Stage 3: Decision by the Local Authority
- Stage 4: Implementation

Devon County Council approval is required to enable the statutory process to begin but as there are council elections in early May this will not happen before then.

However, when we have clarity on funding and site feasibility we shall give you a further update on the proposal and the schedule for the formal statutory process which we anticipate will commence in the next few months. Local consultations could then go ahead with a timeline for relocation to the new site in the academic year 2018-19.

Yours Sincerely

John Sherwood (Chair of Governors) on behalf of the Governing Board