

This where the latest news will be posted by the governors regarding the Whitchurch High School Schools' Organisation Plan proposals.

Thank you to those parents and friends who attended meeting on Tuesday 24th March 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Dutch Barn on the lower school site. As a result of that meeting the governors wish to make the following statement: -

"Do you wish to object to the School Organisation Proposals to reduce the size of Whitchurch High School from a 12 form entry to a 9 form entry and to sell off playing fields at the lower school site?"

If these proposals are accepted at the Council's Executive Meeting on 30th April we will need you to write to the Authority as every letter objecting to the proposal will be logged and will be considered by the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Jane Hutt AM, who will make the final decision about the future of our school.

Important points for her consideration are whether the proposals:

- will improve standards
- tackle surplus places
- involve the sale of playing fields
- affect parents right to send their child to the school of their choice
- are supported by the pupils

The governors are totally opposed to the proposals which would prevent 600 pupils being able to attend Whitchurch High School and see 25-30 staff made redundant. A reduced sized Whitchurch High School would affect the curriculum and extra curricular activities at the school, and may even impact upon Post 16 education such as the viability of the International Baccalaureate. Furthermore the proposals do nothing to tackle the 8,000 surplus places across the County as there are no surplus places at Whitchurch High School.

A letter objecting to the proposals will only be affective during the statutory consultation process, so please keep watching this site and around the end of April the governors will be able to advise you when to write.

Thank you for supporting Whitchurch High School, a good and successful school providing education for life."

Joyce Crandon, Chair 25.3.09