

26 January 2011

Dear Parent/Carer/Consultee

Consultation regarding Crowland The St Guthlac School and Holbeach The George Farmer Technology and Language College.

The sponsors of the proposed Academy, the University of Lincoln, will be consulting on the potential formation of an Academy for the Crowland and Holbeach areas. In order for this to happen Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) are consulting on the proposal for Crowland The St Guthlac School and Holbeach George Farmer Technology and Language College to close on 31 August 2011 on the condition that they would open as one Academy across the two sites on 1 September 2011.

The County Council's consultation period will run from 26 January 2011 through to 16 March 2011. Alongside this consultation the Academy sponsor will be carrying out their own consultation on future possibilities of the Academy model.

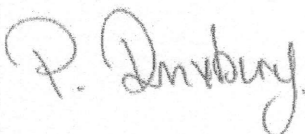
There will be joint consultation meetings held by the Local Authority, the University of Lincoln and the federated Governing Body of Crowland The St Guthlac and Holbeach George Farmer on Wednesday 16 February at 6.30pm at Crowland The St Guthlac Sports Hall, and Thursday 17 February at 6.30pm at Holbeach George Farmer. This will be an opportunity to raise questions and issues in response to the proposal.

The consultation period is the first stage of the process leading up to a final decision in July which will be taken by the Lincolnshire County Council Executive following careful consideration of all feedback received.

Please read the County Council's consultation document in conjunction with consultation material that will be made available from the Academy sponsor.

The County Council's consultation documentation and feedback form is available on the website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning in the 'current consultations' section or by emailing provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk or calling 01522 553392 or writing to Property and Technology Management at the above address. Please read the consultation information and complete and return the feedback form to let us know your views.

Yours sincerely



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