

Education4Crowland

SAVE
St Guthlac's

NEWS RELEASE

Crowland, Peterborough – 21st March 2011.

A new group has been formed in Crowland to fight for the continuation of Secondary Education in the town.

"Education4Crowland" is the result of a number of recent public meetings in the town, and is made up from members of the community, District Council, Parish Council and the Save St Guthlac's campaign.

Jim Astill from the Save St Guthlacs campaign said "This is an important development in the fight to keep secondary education in the town. The Save St Guthlac's campaign has a shelf life that effectively runs until the results of the public consultations are known and those involved have made their decision. The Education4Crowland group will enable us to continue the fight to Save St Guthlacs whilst also enabling us to look at other options. More importantly there is now a larger core group of people prepared to move the fight forward".

The "Education4Crowland" group will use the existing communication mechanisms to keep everyone up to date with activities; these are <http://www.save-stguthlacs.co.uk/> and a Facebook group "Proposals to close St Guthlac's school Crowland".

The group held its first meeting on the 14th March, which was attended by 10 people and apart from fighting to save the school (via encouraging as many people to respond to the LCC and Academy Sponsors consultations) it will be organising a survey of the town and St Guthlac's feeder schools to assess the support for a free school.

The chair of the new group Glyn Mayley, who was elected at the first meeting, added "Together we are a stronger fighting force, and with more people we will be able to explore more options. The group will meet again in the next two weeks to discuss and plan our next steps".

For more information contact Jim Astill on: contact@save-stguthlacs.co.uk or 07775 928661

Notes:

On the 12th May Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and the Holbeach and Crowland Secondary Federation announced plans for an Academy to replace the George Farmer and St Guthlac's schools. The Academy would initially run across two sites, before fully relocating to Holbeach around 2013.

The LCC public consultation runs from 26th January until the 23rd March and the Academy sponsors consultation runs from March 10th until the 20th May. There is an Academy Sponsors Public meeting on the 6th May in Springfield's Events Centre in Spalding at 6:30pm.