

My ref: PAB/LJ

22 June 2010

Mr Jim Astill
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Dear Mr Astill

Thank you for your email of 5 June 2010 regarding 'St Guthlac's Proposals'.

I will answer the questions you asked in the same order:

The Governing Body membership, their interests and minutes of the Board meeting should be sought from the Clerk to the Governors of the Federation.

I enclose information on the distribution of pupils who live closest to Crowland St Guthlac's, and a distribution based on the nearest school for current St Guthlac's pupils. The low numbers 11 to 16 for George Farmer reflect that George Farmer is vastly oversubscribed and, therefore, children cannot get into the school. Thus, the plan to expand it under the proposals.

When it became apparent that St Guthlac's needed urgent support, George Farmer was the only school willing to help. The Deepings and Long Sutton both had new Heads or were about to get new Heads. The Local Authority has looked at The Deepings, but The Deepings is working with Queen Eleanor and has its local federation with a group of Primary schools.

In looking at pupil numbers we look at both numbers in the area and parental choice, with assessment over a period of time.

With regard to the St Guthlac's site, we plan to transfer the Primary School once the Secondary school pupils leave. This will need significant refurbishment and modification to make it suitable for primary aged pupils. In addition, we propose to hold discussion with the local community to ensure we can meet most of their needs in the refurbishment. Once we have agreement on the timescale, we will seek to identify an appropriate budget.

As you will understand at this time we have concerns over most budgets in the short term. However, this will have a very high priority in our plans.

Yours sincerely



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Crowland St Guthlacs – Pupil Information

Which is the nearest school for current pupils?

Based on the Census October 2009 data, the following number of pupils attend this school, grouped by their nearest school:

Crowland St Guthlac's School	212
The Deepings School	3
Donington The Thomas Cowley High School	2
Holbeach The George Farmer Tech and Lang College	13
Ken Stimpson Community School	2
Long Sutton The Peele Comm College	6
Neale-Wade Comm College	1
Sir Harry Smith Comm College	37
Spalding Gleed Boys' School	16
Spalding Grammar School	1
Spalding The Gleed Girls' Tech College	26
St John Fisher Catholic High School	6
Stamford Queen Eleanor School	1
The Thomas Deacon Academy	5
Thomas Clarkson Comm College	8
TOTAL	339

Where do pupils go that live closest to Crowland St Guthlac's School?

Based on home postcode of Years 7 – 11

Measured as the crow flies

School	No.	%age
Crowland St Guthlac's	212	43%
The Deepings School	83	17%
Spalding High School	59	12%
Spalding Grammar School	49	10%
Spalding Gleed Girls School	31	6%
Arthur Mellows Village College	16	3%
Spalding Gleed Boys School	10	2%
Holbeach George Farmer	5	1%
The King's Cathedral School	4	1%
The Thomas Deacon Academy	4	1%
Thomas Clarkson Community College	3	1%
Ken Stimpson Community School	2	0%
Hampton College	2	0%
The Voyager School	2	0%
Skegness Grammar School	2	0%
Jack Hunt School	1	0%
Bourne Robert Manning College	1	0%
Long Sutton The Peele School	1	0%
Stamford Queen Eleanor School	1	0%
Spilsby King Edward Humanities College	1	0%
Grand Total	488	100%