

## Save St Guthlac's School - Press Article

# St Guthlac supporters urged to maintain fight

CAMPAIGNERS have warned that the St Guthlac School's stay of execution could be short - and urged Crowland residents to continue to support their cause.

This week's funding announcement has put plans for an academy at Holbeach on hold - deemed on the Government's official list as "for discussion" - leaving the future of Crowland's secondary school up in the air.

If the George Farmer Technology and Language College gets the go-ahead to become an academy then

St Guthlac would close and become part of the new academy.

Parent Jim Astill, whose children would attend St Guthlac, set up a Facebook page, website and petition against the threatened closure.

He says support for the campaign is as vital as ever as the George Farmer submits a fresh bid for academy status, and with past comments from Lincolnshire county councillor Patricia Bradwell suggesting that smaller secondary schools will always struggle to survive because they attract less Government funding.

He said: "Looking at the language used by Coun Bradwell in recent letters to me and Mr Baragwanath in his statement today we cannot assume that St Guthlac is safe in the longer term.

"Also, when Mr Baragwanath says 'it's got tremendous benefits for the communities involved' it's great for the Holbeach community, but not for the Crowland community that would ultimately lose its secondary school.

"We now have 1,193 signatures that are against a proposed move

to Holbeach and in favour of the retention of secondary education in Crowland.

"This will be presented to Lincolnshire County Council at a full meeting and also to the governing body at the earliest convenience.

"Hopefully the people of Crowland will agree that the fate of the school is undecided and they will continue to support the Save St Guthlac's campaign."

To find out more on the campaign log on to [www.save-stguthlacs.co.uk](http://www.save-stguthlacs.co.uk)

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