

# Save St Guthlac's School - Press Article

## 'Detail needed over school closure'

CAMPAIGNERS bidding to save Crowland's secondary school say they need more details about the plans before an informed decision can be made.

Jim Astill, who is a member of the Save St Guthlac School group, says information about the future of the site if the school closes is too sketchy.

The Holbeach and Crowland Secondary Federation, which includes the George Farmer Technology and Language College and the St Guthlac School, has been awarded £8.25m by The Department for Education (DfE) to turn it into an academy.

Initially the academy will run from both sites, with a view to closing St Guthlac once there is enough capacity to transfer all students to Holbeach.

There is public meeting on Thursday at 6.30pm, at St Guthlac School, where campaigner can question those behind the plans including Lincolnshire county councillor Patricia Bradwell and Andy Breckon from the children's services team.

The proposal is to close St Guthlac School in 2014 and use the site to provide a new primary school, along with enhanced community facilities.

The next step is for the academy sponsors – including academic sponsor the University of Lincoln – and school governors to decide whether or not to accept the funding. If they accept there will be a public consultation before a final decision is made.

Mr Astill said: "We have been told that the site will be used for a primary school and 'enhanced community facilities' but we've had no more details than that.

"How can we make an informed decision on the proposal when we don't know enough?"

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