

Unfortunately for Crowland the decision announced by LCC was that St Guthlac's School and George Farmer will close to enable the proposed Academy. Unfortunately LCC took advantage of their own procedures, which means County Councillors were not even able to call the decision in for scrutiny.

It is not clear at the moment how long the Crowland site will remain open, but current information suggests it will continue to provide education as part of the Academy until the end of the 2011/2012 academic year. The intake that will be starting in September 2011 is likely to be the last. A very sad time for Crowland, but we would like to thank those who supported the work of the original Save St Guthlac's campaign and also the work of this group.

Work towards the free school continues, and we have received over a 100 responses from the community support survey. The overriding theme of the responses is that "Crowland needs a local school to maintain community life" and that "a secondary school is a must for the benefit of the whole community" and is "essential for Crowland to attract new families and businesses". There was also a great deal of feeling that there should be "a local school for local children" and that "we do not want children to have to catch a bus early morning and get home late"

Work has started on the parental support survey, and the team were busy collecting details from interested parents at the Crowland Show. We are currently on target to reach the number of "interested parties" required to take the project to the next stage.

A copy of the parental support survey is available in this month's magazine, or you can complete it online at www.education4crowland.co.uk. Our current plans suggest the earliest a free school could open in Crowland is September 2013, so we are particularly interested in hearing from parents whose children are in the current Year 2/3.

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