

The Governing body of St. Andrew's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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'Learning together what is good and right.'
Job 34: 4

1st March 2022

Dear Katherine

Thank you for your letter dated 10th February 2022 and the draft MOU. We had a full Governing Body meeting on Thursday 17th February, where we had a full and open discussion around all the issues regarding the school field. I have also spoken to everyone who was not present that evening.

Every Governor was entitled to give their opinion on the issue and everyone took up the opportunity to do so. Every single Governor was in support of the headteacher, and the decision to keep the school grounds protected at all times. This decision was completely unanimous.

The main reasons for this are health and safety, child protection, Headteacher responsibility and safeguarding; none of these are issues that can be compromised or concessions given. The well being of the pupils must come first, and there can be no diluting of this or compromise. If you or anyone else can come up with a clear and satisfactory solution that covers all the issues, then myself and the Governors would be more than willing to hear it.

It was also decided that this issue has taken up far too much time and energy from staff, particularly the Headteacher, who should be focussing on the school standards and the best for its pupils. So please direct any further communications by letter to the Chair of Governor at the school address.

I can attend the BMPC meeting at 6pm on Thursday 10th March, to further clarify the position and stance the school has taken, and to listen to other opinions and people's views.

Yours sincerely

Martin Sanders

Chair of Governors