

Weston Turville CE School

Report on Aided Status consultation

Responses were received from 6 individuals:

- I cannot see any reason why the school should not change from Controlled to Aided so "lets go for it." *Linda Bowes*
- From information received it seems that the school wishes to change to Aided status. I therefore support this decision. *K Eastlake*
- We can see no reason why this change should not take place. There appear to be no counter arguments. *R Lister*
- I can see only advantages to Weston Turville CE School becoming Aided and I am unaware of any disadvantages for the school and its pupils. I therefore give my support to this proposal. *Caroline Moran*
- What the staff and Governors decided is the best way forward for the school is what, I am sure, most parents will agree with. And I will be voting to change (following the decision mentioned above). *A Nuttall*
- From the discussions and information I have seen to date I cannot see any reason why Aided status would dramatically change the school. As most of the criteria that Aided schools require, we already appear to cover, I think it is sensible to go forward to Aided status. *A Pelling*

Responses were received from 5 organisations:

Oxford Diocese
St Mary's Church PCC
Topsy Turvy Pre School
Aston Clinton School
Bucks Local Education Authority

Copies of these are attached:

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11 October 2001

Dear Graham

Thank you to you and your governing body for consulting the Diocesan Board of Education on the possibility of your school changing category to Aided.

As you know the Diocesan Board values all its schools be they Controlled or Aided. It also welcomes Controlled Schools having the choice of becoming Aided should they so decide.

Weston Turville is already a distinctive and successful Church school and we enjoy a very good partnership with you. Should you decide to propose a move to Aided we know that very good partnership would continue to be celebrated on behalf of the needs of all your pupils.

Every good wish with your consultation.

Best wishes

Danny Sullivan
Director of Education



*St Mary the Virgin
Weston Turville*

7 October 2001

Dear Graham,

CHANGE OF STATUS

As you probably know, the PCC discussed at its meeting on 2nd October the proposed change of status of Weston Turville School from controlled to aided.

I am writing to let you know formally that the PCC unanimously agreed that it was in favour of this change.

We all wish the school well as this change is implemented and for the future.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

C R Webbley

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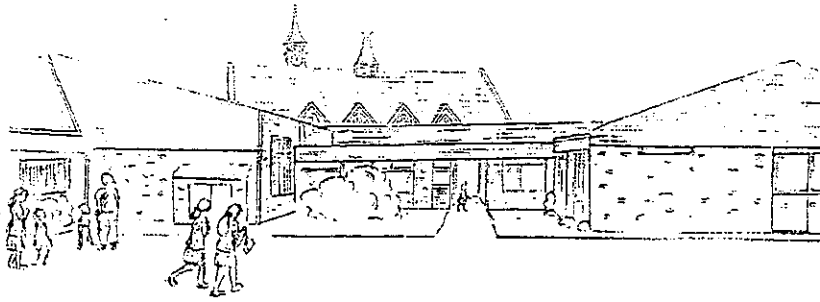
Consultation Response

In response to the consultation on a change of category from Controlled to Aided, I would like to make the following comments:

The pre-school committee here
no comments to make regarding
the proposal to change the
status of the school from controlled
to aided except that we
would seek to maintain our
strong links and good working
relationship.

Signed Alison Thorp

Name (printed) Alison Thorp
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16th October 2001.

Change of Status Consultation

Dear Mr. Pain,

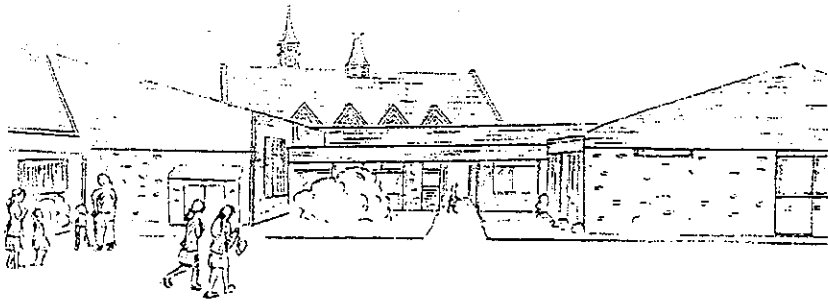
Graham Norris was kind enough to send me your consultation document regarding the potential change of status of Weston Turville C of E School from Controlled to Aided. I have consulted with my Governing Body and would like you to consider the views of Aston Clinton School, as set out below, when you meet to receive the results of the consultation.

1. **Liaison.** For some time the schools in the Colet Liaison Group have been attempting to work more closely together. As Aston Clinton and Weston Turville are the two combined primary schools serving village communities within that group, we have very similar issues to deal with and we welcome the opportunity to work more closely together. We do not see any difficulty in continuing to develop these close working relationships when/if you become an Aided school.
2. **Admissions.** For the last eight years, since I took up the headship of Aston Clinton School, I have been aware that occasionally an Aston Clinton family expresses a preference for Weston Turville School because the parents specifically want a Church School setting for their children. We are used to this pattern of parental preference, which affects us marginally, and we foresee no problems with your school becoming an Aided church school. Indeed Aided status may provide a clarification for parents that Weston Turville is fully a Church School. This view is based upon the assumption that you would not anticipate a major change in admissions policy when/if you become an aided school.



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3. **Co-operation.** Since the appointment of Mr. Norris, I have been aware of a spirit of co-operation and consultation between our schools over admissions (and indeed other matters) that has been mutually beneficial. The fact that you currently are a controlled church school has not created any barriers to that spirit. My previous experience of Aided schools leads me to believe that a change in status would not create any additional difficulties, and could lead to stronger input from the Diocesan Board of Education and an alternative view-point to that being portrayed by the Local Education Authority. Such *additional* advice and support could benefit Weston Turville School, and the liaison group as a whole.

Aston Clinton School, therefore, has no objection to your establishment becoming an Aided school, and sees potential benefits of such a move for our continued close working relationship. I trust that these views will assist your Governing Body in coming to a decision.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran P. Salter
Headteacher



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Dear Graham

CONSULTATION ON CHANGE OF CATEGORY FROM CONTROLLED TO AIDED

Sylvia Gibson has passed onto me your letter to her of 25 September 2001 along with the consultation paper on change of category from controlled to aided.

At this stage, I have the following comments to make on behalf of the Buckinghamshire Local Education Authority.

1. If the Governing Body decide to proceed to formal consultation on the publication of Statutory Notices etc, I would be grateful if you would ensure that information on relevant developments is passed to me at the appropriate time.
2. The Authority would wish to be reassured that in drawing up admission arrangements, the School will continue to serve its reserved area and that the admission criteria will not be changed so that children who previously could expect to secure admission to the school, will not be displaced as a result of the changes.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

DAVID AYRES



Appendix 3

School	Age Range	MOE Capacity	NOR Jan 01	NOR Jan 2002	NOR Jan 2003	NOR Jan 2004
Aston Clinton Combined	4-11	350	275	275	273	279
Bedgrove Infants	4-7	441	367	358	359	360
Bedgrove Junior	7-11	442	426	449	455	456
Halton Combined	4-11	240	122	115	108	105
John Hampden (Infants)	4-7	270	251	254	234	237
Stoke Mandeville	4-11	318	251	241	231	219
Wendover CE (Junior)	7-11	360	316	317	322	335
Weston Turville CE	4-11	240	210	199	186	181