

# Parish of Great Chesham

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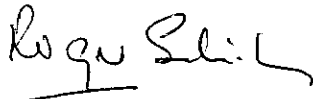
Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 1<sup>st</sup> December, giving us the progress on the change towards a voluntary aided status for the school.

I relayed the contents of your letter to our last Parochial Church Council meeting. They were pleased to hear the way things are going. As you know I was cautious about promising active support for the school in the future, knowing how committed so many people are to education in other ways locally. However, the PCC would be very pleased to encourage members of the congregation to consider standing as a Governor in the School in the future, so do let me know if and when such a time occurs.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely



Roger Salisbury

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The Chairman of Governors, Hawridge & Cholesbury CE School,  
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14 January 2002

Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you for your letter of the 7th. January and the enclosed Consultation Paper. I will be pleased to recommend this as an item on our next PCC agenda, scheduled for 16th. March. In the meantime I will be passing copies of the papers to our Parish Churchwardens and Clergy.

By March your consultation process will be well advanced so it may help if I mention a couple of personal observations in response to your letter.

First, I am always glad to hear of schools and parishes looking positively at becoming Aided. I was Chairman of the Managers (pre-1981) of our local church Aided school for eight years in Surrey. It proved a highly satisfactory relationship benefitting, I think, the ethos and success of both the school and the local Parish church, where I was then the Vicar.

Second, we will need to be realistic about our Parish's involvement in a school beyond our own boundaries. We have twelve schools, excluding pre-schools, in our Parish. Although none of these are Church of England Schools, members of the Parish staff and congregations take very active roles in them, including chairing governors, membership of governing bodies, PTA committee membership, speaking at assemblies, hosting their church services, taking lessons, helping with extra activities and so on. We still fall short of fulfilling all the opportunities available in these schools, although we are deeply committed to helping where we can.

On the other hand we are well aware of parents living in Great Chesham who are very enthusiastic about sending their children to Hawridge and Cholesbury School. I will be pleased to support their participation in the management and life of the school whether it continues to be 'Controlled' or changes to 'Aided'.

I hope the consultation period proves to be a valuable experience for a school which, by all accounts, is already providing a wonderful service to the community.

As I said earlier these are only my personal comments and I will be in touch again after the PCC has had a chance to discuss the ideas suggested in the consultation document.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Selby

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