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3rd December 2003

Dear Mr Holmes,

The Governing Body of Oakridge School met last week and at that meeting we were informed by Miss Jordan, Headteacher, that the LEA were not prepared to review our accommodation issues any further.

The Governing Body continues to be very dissatisfied with the Authority's apparent lack of commitment and interest in this school. I have been instructed by the Governing Body to request a meeting with yourself and Steve Nicholls very early in the new term to discuss the need for further accommodation.

I enclose a copy of the letter I sent to you in April of this year to which I received no reply. I look forward to hearing from you by the 19th December.

Yours sincerely,



Christine Croft (Chair of Governors)

cc: Marion Clayton (Cabinet Member for Schools)
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30th April 2003

Dear Mr Holmes,

Re: Oakridge/Sands Schools Re-organisation

Following a visit to the school by Steve Nicholls regarding additional teaching space, the Governing Body was extremely disappointed to be informed by Miss Jordan of the possible proposal.

We, as governors, fully endorsed and supported the original proposal for Oakridge to become a two form entry combined school. As you are aware, this proposal was changed, very much at the eleventh hour, and the six new classrooms suddenly were reduced to three. Had we been presented with this at the outset, the project would not have received our full support.

We were, however assured, that should our numbers rise significantly then the school would be able to expand by adding the second floor to the new block. This we felt to be an acceptable compromise, and yet again, gave the proposal our full support.

As you know there has now been a very significant rise in our numbers and we were pleased at the positive outcome of your visit. However, following Steve Nicholls visit we were angered to hear that the addition of another floor to the original new building is no longer an option as it will be far too expensive; and instead, any additional space would have to be provided by yet another block of three classrooms, this time on the field.

This is now the second time that we have been told one thing by the LEA only to find out later that the true intention is something completely different.

As governors we strongly oppose the building of three additional classrooms on the field on the grounds of the difficulties it will pose for security, accessibility and organisation. Miss Jordan was told that an additional floor to the new block will cost in excess of £600,000. We would very much like to see a detailed costing of this build as it seems an excessively high figure for such a small amount of space, and a reconsideration of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Croft
Chair of Governors