



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

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Dear Parents & Carers

Local Authority Special School Consultation

You will all be aware that Wiltshire Local Authority have been debating the future of SEND provision across the county. The main focus for the Local Authority has been the future of Rowdeford School, Larkrise (Trowbridge) and St. Nicholas (Chippenham).

The LA has been considering how many schools there should be in the future and where schools will be located.

Firstly I am delighted to share with you that because of the hard work of everybody attached to the school and the sheer volume of positive feedback during the consultation directors/commissioners/councillors have recognised, (and will be proposing), the need to maintain a school on the Rowdeford site.

The report going before cabinet will also propose that all three of the schools in question will close, as their current entities, and will join together to form one school on the Rowdeford site using existing buildings and new build as appropriate. This will mean a school for approximately 350 students aged 3-16. Rowdeford School will continue to meet the needs of all students throughout this process.

This proposal will be taken to cabinet on the 27th November 2018 and if agreed the Local Authority (LA) will enter into a formal consultation period.

The LA has released a vision statement today, which can be accessed via the following link.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/proposals-for-vision-for-special-education-in-wiltshire-outlined>

If this proposal is agreed, the new school is likely to be ready by 2022/23.

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If you have any questions, or you would like to discuss this further then please contact me at the school, via the office.

Kind regards

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