



BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Friends

As you may already know a site on the new Broadmoor Farm development has already been identified for a new school and, given the fact that Bishop Cornish is the only Church school in Saltash, we feel that an **Ecumenical Church School** would restore the balance of Christian school places available to parents and meet the obvious demand. Over the years, when other schools have expanded, Bishop Cornish has remained a one-form entry school and we are now the smallest school in Saltash.

We believe that parents like what we can offer in terms of a holistic and exciting education within a distinctly Christian environment. We are very excited about the possibility of developing a new school that would mirror the Christian ethos, values and, as importantly, the curriculum of Bishop Cornish.

In partnership with the Saltash Methodist Circuit, the local Anglican churches and the Baptist Church, the Governors submitted an initial bid for capital funding to the Department for Education in February. This first bid was unsuccessful as the DfE want further evidence of community group consultation.

We are continuing to work on a formal proposal to submit to the Local Authority to open a new Voluntary Aided, maintained school. The school would be maintained by the Local Authority and is not an academy but would, however, be 'federated' with us. This means there would be a single Governing Body, which would be responsible for both schools, ensuring cohesion and experienced support.

An Ecumenical Church School will increase parental choice and add diversity to the local school community (this would be the only ecumenical school in Cornwall) and we feel very firmly that there is a need to build and maintain support for the formation of strong communities. Together we believe passionately that we are strongly placed to make a case to the Local Authority and be ready for the time when work on the new school starts.

We would however like to ascertain your thoughts on this proposal as we continue to shape a formal proposal for the Local Authority to consider. If we can show evidence that there is community support for this proposal it will add considerable weight and strengthen our proposal. There will be further opportunities for consultation once we have entered the formal process.

If you would like to support this proposal and /or add any comments please complete a form accompanying this letter.

Many thanks

Teresa Lindeyer – Chair of Governors and New School Working Party
Bishop Cornish CEVA Primary School

Proposal for a new Voluntary Aided Ecumenical Primary School
The Governors of Bishop Cornish CEVA Primary School in
partnership with the Anglican, Methodist and Baptist Churches of
Saltash.

Broadmoor Farm Saltash

Name.....

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Post Code

Signed

I support the proposal for a new Voluntary Aided Ecumenical Primary School on the Broadmoor Farm.

**Please return to either your Minister or the Clerk to the Governors c/o Bishop
Cornish CEVA Primary School, Lyhner Drive, Saltash PL12 4PA**

Additional comments if required.