



St Nicolas and St Mary Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

A new school for Shoreham

Shoreham is a great place to live, work and learn. We probably all know people who have moved to the area or want to raise their family in the town. It is great to be in a lovely part of Sussex – but the population is rising.

There is a growing demand for school places in Shoreham and beyond. Several schools are in the process of expanding but more places are still needed. Some schools do not have the space for additional children or to extend their buildings. The local authority can extend schools but cannot open a new school.

The governors of St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary have agreed to support the setting up of a new 'Free School'. As a high performing school, with a strong, experienced leadership team, St Nic's is in a good position to set up a new 'sister' school. This will increase parental choice and relieve the pressure for places elsewhere around the town.

This is a very exciting, once-in-a-generation opportunity to create another school in Shoreham. Our passion is to offer an outstanding education with a distinctive Christian ethos for all.

St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School is working in partnership with the Diocese of Chichester, the Local Authority and DfE on this project. An application will be submitted to the DfE who will then decide whether to give consent to this project or not.

Parents and the wider community are invited to attend a public meeting at **5.30pm on Monday 18th July** in our Main School Hall to find out more. There will be a presentation from the "Future of Adur Schools Team" (FAST) about school places and an opportunity to hear about our vision for a new Free School from myself.

If you have any questions or comments about a new school, please email NewSchool@stnm.org.uk

Kind regards

David Etherton

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