



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

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Dear Parents and Carers

New School for Shoreham – St Clement CE Primary Academy

Shoreham is a great place for families to live, work and play. The challenge is that the population is growing rapidly and, despite a number of schools expanding, there are still not enough school places to meet demand. The Local Authority is predicting a serious shortage of places for September 2017 and beyond.

St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School has applied to the Department for Education (DfE) to set up a new 'sister' primary school in Shoreham. The new 'Free School' aims to create more school places and meet the aspirations of local parents. This will increase parental choice and relieve the pressure for places elsewhere around the town. Although the new school will be Church of England it will have open admissions i.e. church attendance will not be part of the over-subscription criteria. The new school will be set up as an academy in line with DfE requirements. All we need is for the DfE to give approval to this exciting project.



The free school will be named after St Clement, the patron saint of mariners – perfect for a school in a seaside town with a busy harbour!

St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School is a high performing school with an outstanding reputation. St Clement CE Primary Academy will replicate this success. The teaching, creative curriculum, quality of care and behaviour expectations at St Clement will be based on the successful model at St Nicolas and St Mary.

The children of St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School remain our top priority in all that we do. The school has always sought to care for the children beyond our own school gate by working collaboratively with other schools and our local community and now, potentially, a new school as well. Although we are seeking to set up a new 'sister' school, governors and the senior leadership team remain focused on ensuring that we 'Journey together, guided by God, to do the best we can', for our children in St Nic's.

For further information please visit our website <http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk>. Prospective parents and carers are also invited to our information meetings at 7pm on Thursday 10th November and at 2pm on Friday 11th November 2016 at St Nic's School. If you have any questions please email StClement@stnm.org.uk.

Kind Regards

David Etherton

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