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**Change of status VC to VA Category - Response to questions raised**

Q. With this change in status, and the gap of 10% funding to come from the Governing Body,  Where does the governing body expect to get the money from or does it already have enough funds banked?

*A. Currently County wouldn’t contribute towards the build and we would need to look at grants and fund raising to fund this. If we change status, we will be able to seek 90% of the money and the remaining 10% is within the schools fundraising capabilities, meaning the build can go ahead, and our children will then benefit from a new classroom and changing rooms.*

Q. What are the proposals for covering the financial 10% gap that the governing body has to find if not yes on the first question?

*(See previous answer)*

Q. Will the governing body be proposing to put a mobile telephone mast (3/4/5G) on the school land once it has gained control, to receive funds to cover the 10% funding gap?

*A. This is the first I have heard of a mast. County will still own the school and the land and neither County nor the school would allow a mast to be put up on school land.*

*While the school will have a key stage 2, we are reducing our class sizes from 20 to 10 so we are not increasing the number of children we take in.*

*We will have 4 classes*

*a reception and y1 class*

*y2 and y3 class*

*y4 and y5 class*

*y6 class*

*We already have 3 classrooms so very little will change about the school environment.*

Q. With the school increasing in size year on year, will this mean that more land will be sort, or will it continue to grow on the existing plot?

*A.*  *we only need to build 1 classroom adjoining the one we built recently. We already have planning permission but have not needed to build the classroom so far.*

Q. Given that the Bucks LEA admissions policy already takes admission of siblings into consideration, how would Whaddon's admissions policy differ from that of the LEA should the school becomes VA?

*A. This is indeed a responsibility that would be handed over to the governing body. At present we haven’t met to formally decide the exact admissions policy for Whaddon, therefore I cannot fully answer your question. However, I can say that currently under BCC admissions criteria, siblings of children who attend the school have third place priority and therefore families with siblings could find themselves in a position where they are unable to gain a place at Whaddon School, if there are 10 other families who fall within the 1st and 2nd criteria before them. In being able to be responsible for our own admissions policy and move sibling links to 1st position, the school will be able to prevent distress to our families and continue to support their needs. As ever, once an admissions policy has been created if the school should move to VA we will of course circulate this to the parents.*

Q. If Whaddon School does change status to VA will the school continue to teach world religions in addition to Christianity?

*A. World religions in addition to Christianity will of course continue to be taught at Whaddon C of E School. Whilst we are a church school within Oxfordshire diocese, we must also teach the requirements set out by the National Curriculum. The diocese Religious Education scheme of learning takes into account a range of world religions. As a church school it is fundamental that all children are aware of other cultures and religions, it is also something that is key to children who attend Whaddon to ensure they are aware of a world that is far bigger than Whaddon.*