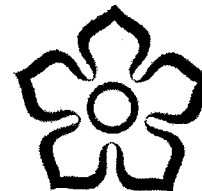


Please ask for: Helen Ryan  
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Our Ref: HMR/AD/0211  
Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011



Leicester  
City Council

Dear

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**Divisional Director, Property**

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\* Phoned Boyd Pick 26.9.11 \*  
pm asked what Square Mtr  
was and total facilities  
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Deborah Fritche  
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Tedworth Green  
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do not agree

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After contacting the development officer to ascertain the facilities Management Cost £148000,00 per year we have to conclude this is not affordable.

Headteacher 

Chair of Governors 



# FOREST LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*'A unique family working together to be the best'*

Mrs K J Cane – Head Teacher

Deputy Head Teacher – Mrs C Caldwell

Helen Ryan  
Divisional Director, Property  
16 New Walk Centre  
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LE1 6UB

5<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Dear Helen

The attached form indicates the Governors wish to register an interest in a bid being submitted on the school's behalf under the Priority Schools Building Programme. The Governors are aware that, at this point, this does not indicate a final commitment to the programme.

Indeed the Governors have expressed strong reservations concerning the conditions attached to the programme and especially:

- The amount of financial commitment for 'hard' and 'soft' facilities management which appears currently to be far in excess of what would be sustainable for a primary school such as ours,
- The length of time attached to that commitment - 27 years
- The current concerns, especially in the National Health Service, over the Private Financial Initiative scheme, which is the funding basis of the programme.

As you are aware the condition of our school building is very poor and is rapidly deteriorating. Indeed Governors understand this school holds the top priority within the city for a new build. This is why they have agreed to investigate this opportunity.

However the Governors also wish to be assured that your department is still pursuing, with the utmost urgency, alternative solutions for funding a new school build.

Yours sincerely

Judith Hibbert  
Chair of Governors



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Headteacher

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

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28/4/11. 12 minutes).

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**Chair of Governors**

4/10/2011