

APPENDIX C



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For the attention of Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services

RE: Priory Middle School Dyslexia Provision

I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body of Priory Middle School concerning the proposed closure of our Dyslexia Provision.

Whilst understanding the rationale for the closure and the need to re-assess funding priorities in this difficult financial climate, we wish to express our dismay and displeasure that we may lose this excellent facility at our school. As you will be aware, Priory's Dyslexia provision has been a beacon of excellence for many years in the south of the County (now Central Bedfordshire).

Over the years, numerous children (and parents) have benefited from the provision co-ordinator's expertise and the excellent resources at her disposal. Targeted support and intervention programmes have transformed the learning of pupils based in the provision allowing them access to many curriculum areas. These children have been able to fully integrate within the school and make good rates of academic, social and personal progress. We are seriously concerned that future groups of children will suffer as a result of this ill-advised proposal. We believe that to deny these children the opportunity of specialist intervention could be considered discriminatory.

Mrs Hodgson, who has successfully led our provision for many years has been a superb asset for our school and has successfully supported the wider development and management of SEN. Recent Ofsted reports praise the quality of guidance and support for pupils with SEN. This invaluable resource will be lost forever (to the detriment of countless pupils and their families).

We respectfully urge you to reconsider this proposal and reinstate the funding required to maintain this wonderful facility.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anne Cavendish
Chair of Governors

