

Appendix B

Letter of support from Henlow Academy



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Dear Victor

Henlow Church of England Academy is oversubscribed for 2017/18; 158 first choice applications for 140 places. Initial meetings led to an agreement that we would accept a further class but at the request of the local authority we have agreed to take 205 year 5 pupils in September 2017. The following year we will be providing places for a further 210 pupils subject to planning permission and a completed building programme.

As a Church of England school our governing body felt we would like to be in a position to provide school places for families who couldn't be placed if our facilities were developed to make this a viable possibility. Built for a maximum of 560 pupils our school hall currently limits our expansion and therefore we welcome the opportunity to address this issue. Building a new appropriately sized sports' venue will enable the current gym to become our school hall/dining/drama studio in September 2018. A teaching block of 4 classrooms will also be in place at this stage in addition to internal re-modelling in Science/DT which will be required for a projected number of 680 (not taking into account any growth in current cohorts).

Recent local authority modelling of future possibilities for our geographical area and the decision by our governing body to begin discussions regarding extending our age range shows that investment at this stage will ensure that Henlow Academy flourishes as part of a cohesive local offer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Earp'.

Caren Earp
Headteacher