

KS1 also get treats with theatre groups brought into school. Trips and outings always need subsidising from School Fund as many of our parents cannot afford the full price of the trip. Beside academic achievement we provide a whole host of pastoral support and even a safe haven for some children.

I am sure the Academy is doing great work with their children but one year is not long enough to see any trends. How will our children be able to access all that the Academy has to offer as we are staying on the same site and logistics will get in the way?

It is also very disappointing to hear the £2.3 million earmarked to bring the school up to EU standards, may not be available if it does not join the Academy. The only capital money spent on the school in last few years has had to come from the schools own budget which is limited. We have been waiting for a promised car park for eight years!

What I would like to ask if that you listen to the people this affects most namely parents, staff and Penhill Forum, most of whom are against this proposal, before you make a final decision.

Yours sincerely

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