

25th September 2008

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to you with concerns about the meeting we had at Penhill School regarding the take over to Swindon Academy. We were not all allowed to talk because they didn't have enough time but to me it seemed to be that they only wanted a few questions and that was it, they didn't listen to all the parents and we were pointed at and given numbers and not asked our names, which I think is very rude.

In the holidays a notice was put on one entrance of the school only and we have two entrances that are both used. The notice said about the take over but not everyone comes past the school particularly in the school holidays so a lot of people didn't know about it so no one could put in their objections.

I also read in the paper on Thursday 14th August the notice that stated the school was closing on 31st December which alarmed me and my children. It seems to me no matter what we say it is going to the Academy anyway. You don't want to listen to what we have to say or what we want for our community. I can't understand either that if it goes to Swindon Academy the school gets money for much needed and overdue improvements but if it stays as Penhill School we don't, if the work is needed we should have it done anyway. This school hasn't failed with my children and I have had two that have left here now but I have still got one here and I am very happy with what they have done with all three, so I can't see why it has to change. I hope you do read this and listen to all parents about what we have to say before you make your decision.

Yours Hopefully

Miss Merritt