



Wadham School

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Dear Parent/Carer and Students,

THE REORGANISATION OF SCHOOLS IN THE CREWKERNE/ILMINSTER AREA

I trust that you have all seen the letter from the Local Authority on the review they have commissioned. If you have not yet seen it, please look on our website or call and ask for a copy.

Many of you will have also seen articles in the press, speculating about what might happen with the age-ranges of schools, including extending the age-range of the two middle schools to take students to age 16. Such a move is not within the gift of any school, academy or multi-academy trust alone. The regional schools commissioner would ultimately make that decision for an academy or multi-academy trust, following a formal proposal and consultation as required in law. In a meeting I attended with an officer of the Regional Schools Commissioner, it was made clear the review, commissioned by the Local Authority, would inform the decision that will be made. It appears that others are now seeking to dismiss this review before it has even reported. This review will assess the various options available, including the one being proposed by this group of schools, and make a recommendation. We should all be open to what will come out of the review.

Clearly, I have a preferred solution and I hope the review will agree or propose a solution which is close to my preferred one. Wadham is committed to allowing the review to conclude its business and then engage constructively in implementing the proposed solution, for the sake of all the children and young people across the area. If the middle schools are not prepared to do this, I very much regret that, indeed I call upon them to commit to work with the outcome of the review.

I believe the Local Authority is going to issue a further statement in due course and will, of course, keep you informed.

Yours faithfully,

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