

Subject: RE: Letter re closure of Weaverthorpe School

From: Cllr.Carl Les <Cllr.Carl.Les@northyorks.gov.uk>

Date: 18/04/2022, 18:55

To: Weaverthorpe Parish Council <weaverthorpeparishcouncil@gmail.com>

CC: Cllr.Janet Sanderson <Cllr.Janet.Sanderson@northyorks.gov.uk>

Dear Mr House,

Thank you for your e mail, and the views of the Parish Council, many of which I share. You suggest throughout your letter that the County Council is taking a less than positive stance on this issue, and that we should think outside the box. Regrettably we have to stay within the rules, and I am as frustrated with them as you are. An academisation order cannot be challenged, nor changed however much the LEA would like to invest to make improvements. And if no academy chain comes forward, we cannot act to take the school back under our wing, so perversely it must close. And you can't mix non-faith schools with faith academies. There may be a brighter future in the new White Paper, where the government is considering allowing LEA's to set up their own academy chains, but this sadly will come too late for your village school.

Closing a village school is the last thing we want to do. If your letter to the SoS produces some response, some way of "thinking outside the box", then I will be very pleased to consider what else can be done, but until that time we must stay within the rules, or be accused of acting ultra vires.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Les

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From: Weaverthorpe Parish Council <weaverthorpeparishcouncil@gmail.com>

Sent: 12 April 2022 15:46

To: Cllr.Carl Les <Cllr.Carl.Les@northyorks.gov.uk>

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Dear Councillor Les

Please find attached a letter from Weaverthorpe Parish Council on the above subject.

Regards

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