



# St. John's CE Primary School

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FAO- William Fieldhouse  
Inspector for the Independent Examination

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## RE- Place for Everyone at Slattocks

Dear Sir,

We write on behalf of the current Board of Governors of the school regarding comments made by Mr Wright during the examination proceedings on the morning of the 19th January 2023. This can be found 3:43 minutes into the recording.

We wish to make it absolutely clear that Mr Wright is a former governor of our school, who retired, over three years ago, after 18 years' service. As he is no longer a member of our governing body, he did not have any authority to speak on behalf of either the school or Manchester Diocesan Board of Education (MDBE) at the examination proceedings. He is also not privy to any current discussions or decision-making regarding our school.

We are saddened and concerned that he did not correct your assumption that he was a current governor i.e., 'obviously if you're a governor you know a lot' and respond appropriately when you thanked him for his 'informed input.' This now leaves us in a position where others who attended the session or subsequently view the recorded footage are likely to assume that his views are a true reflection of the current school governing body. This is not so and is a misrepresentation which could damage the reputation of the school, its governing body and the MDBE.

The school is working collaboratively with all parties concerned including MDBE, the local authority and Redrow on the proposed school expansion plans. Governors and school leaders are committed to school growth and have the necessary skills and expertise to take such plans forward.

As a governing body we are keen to support the needs of a growing community and to sustain and secure the future of our school. The proposal of a new road to school within the new development will solve current access concerns.

Therefore, we ask that the arguments presented by Mr Wright are noted to be his personal views and not those of the school. We also ask you to please consider the points we have raised in your reflections and decision making.

We thank you for taking the time to consider this request. If you have any questions or queries regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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