

SAVE OUR SCHOOLS - THE ISLAND BACKLASH

When is a Promise Not a Promise? When it's a Tory Councillor's Election Pledge!

In May 2005 the Conservatives enjoyed an unprecedented landslide election victory. There was one issue that they claimed as their own:

EDUCATION!

Standards-Not-Tiers campaigned to put a stop to the then LibDem plans to abolish middle schools.

In a full page advertisement published (County Press 29/04/05 pg.17) the week before the election, the names of many of those listed below, appeared with their consent, clearly stating that they opposed reorganisation.

The County Press, Friday 13th May 2005 quoted the then Tory Leader Andy Sutton as saying:

"I thought the Lib-Dems were electorally crazy bringing this issue forward prior to an election. But we made our position very, very clear and we stand by it as we do our entire manifesto. We shall keep the three-tier system and small village schools, which are such a big, important part of local communities."

Now, less than three years on, many of these same councillors are calling for the closure of between 27 and 41 of all Island Primary Schools.

The result will be massive disruption for children, parents, ancillary workers and teachers and result in job losses for many of these staff.

These cruel, draconian measures have more to do with raising money than raising standards.

There are lots of sensible alternatives, but the council have chosen to ignore them all!

Save Our Schools (SOS) = Candidates who have confirmed their intention to vote against any options that involve mass school closures.

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Don't let them break their promise

At the last election, Conservative Councillors were elected on a mandate to keep the existing system. They have no proof that their school closure programme will raise standards and we feel that they have betrayed their promise to all of us. That is why Standards-Not-Tiers have agreed with the other protest groups to field candidates in the next election to oppose councillors who vote for the mass closure of Island schools.

To the left is a list of all the Councillors. Those marked with SOS, we believe will vote against the closure of primary schools. (Please let us know if this is not correct). The rest we believe will vote yes to one of the three options that will result in the closure of between 27 and 41 of our schools, in the forthcoming vote on the 19th March. If your councillor is one of these, then please complete the letter below. Add your councillor's details and your own, sign it, cut it out and send it to them with our compliments! And don't forget - If they break their promise on the 19th you can vote them out at the next election - and that's your promise to them! After all ...

A Promise is a Promise!

Please fill in the letter below and send it to your councillor.

Write your councillor's name and details here

Dear Councillor
Schools Reorganisation 2008 Council Vote
19th March

I would like you to vote against options 1, 2 or 3 as proposed in the schools reorganisation consultation. If you are not willing to vote against these proposals, any other proposals that include mass school closures, or if you abstain then I will not vote for you at the next election. I expect you, as my councillor, to represent the views of your ward to the council. I understand that Standards-Not-Tiers intend to field a candidate in this ward. I will seriously consider voting for them instead of you if it helps to keep our schools open.

Don't forget, a promise is a promise!

Yours sincerely,

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Standards-Not-Tiers joins with Parents Voice, Wight PAPER, saveiowschools.co.uk & SOSiow.com in their efforts to oppose the closure of small schools and unjustifiable reorganisation on the Isle of Wight.

For further information please visit www.yourschoolneedsyou.com