

Parents WILL Have Choice

IN RESPONSE to last week's front page article 'No Choice For Parents' which came from the Standards Not Tiers Group on behalf of the Ventnor SOS Action Group, Isle of Wight Council Cabinet member for Children and Young People, Cllr Alan Wells, said "The proposed new school on the existing Ventnor Middle site will be a voluntary aided school (VA) and will be run by the Diocese. Any comment relating to the school should be sought from the Diocese and not the local authority.

"However it is completely wrong for Standards Not Tiers (SNT) to suggest there is no choice for parents in the Ventnor area. Parents will have a choice of primary schools in both Wroxall and Niton as well as the proposed new school on the Ventnor Middle site.

"We should also point out all primary schools currently in Ventnor are church schools and it has never been an issue before. It saddens me that groups such as SNT are trying to cause unnecessary panic and confusion for parents when the proposals clearly show there will be choice for parents."