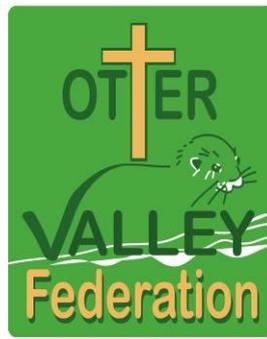


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Dear Parents

As you are aware the Governors have been working over a significant number of years on finding a solution to the flood risk to the lower site of Tipton School. Last week the outline planning permission for the proposed relocation of Tipton St. John Church of England (VA) Primary school to the Thorne Farm Site, Ottery St. Mary and the building of one hundred and fifty homes, to fund the construction of the school, was heard by East Devon District Council planning committee. The agenda item lasted nearly two and half hours, and after this lengthy debate the councillors voted to refuse the planning application.

Unfortunately, this means there is no immediate resolution to the risk posed by the flooding on the lower site.

For the school leaders and governors, the matter is not over. Working with Devon County Council and the Diocese, Governors will review the refusal notice, gather further expert advice and then consider the next steps.

For the staff and pupils at the school this disappointment will not detract from our provision, and we will continue to practice flood evacuations, mitigate as best as possible against flood damage and will continue to maintain the old wooden buildings.

The process has been long and protracted and there have been other setbacks in the past but, as before, we will continue to work to try and find a route forward.

If you do have any questions or would like to discuss the situation please do not hesitate to contact us via the school.

Yours sincerely

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John Sherwood
Lead Governor for the flooding and possible relocation of Tipton School