Church Lawford C of E First School

Presentation to Parents on 15th March 1994

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AIMS OF THE LEA

- 1. Take out 30% plus surplus places.
- 2. Create all through primary schools.
- 3. Guideline size 90-420 pupils.
- 4. Improve pupil-teacher ratios where currently worse than county average.
- 5. Take unsatisfactory buildings out of use.
- 6. Ensure enough school places to meet local needs.
- 7. Take account of parental preferences.
- 8. Ensure children have a school reasonably near their home.

VILLAGE LINKS LONG LAWFORD

- Communities have little in
 - common.
- Totally dis-similar schools.
- Few Church Lawford children go to Long Lawford at age 8.

WOLSTON

- Church parish link.
- ✤schools:
 - Small
 - Rural
 - Church

IF CHURCH LAWFORD FIRST SCHOOL WERE TO CLOSE THE PARENTS WOULD WISH THEIR CHILDREN TO GO TO WOLSTON **RATHER THAN** LONG LAWFORD

QUALITY OF EDUCATION

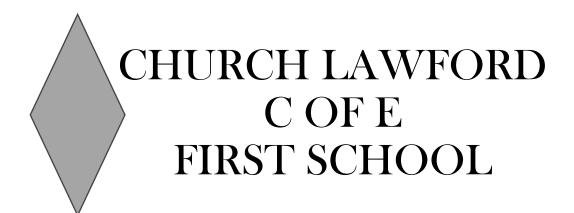
Church Lawford:

- Is delivering national curriculum to a high standard.
- Has taken a lead in developing the working of the COSS FOSS Cluster.
- Has administered standard assessment tests to 7 year olds for 3 years, to full satisfaction of independent auditors.
- Has achieved above average attainment levels.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION

It also teaches:

- Christian moral values.
- To value themselves, others, and the community.
- Positive attitude towards learning, self-discipline, and good behaviour.



SUCH A SCHOOL

DOES NOT

DESERVE

CLOSURE

OUR QUALITY IS VALUED:

- Positive reports from middle school headteachers.
- Parents from outside the area choose to bring their children to Church Lawford.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

- The school is proud of the succession of children with special needs whose parents have chosen the school for the special care we can give.
- ✤ All have integrated well.
- ✤ All have responded well.
- Their presence enriches the life of the school and develops positive attitudes towards disabled persons among ablebodied pupils.

FINANCE

- School being effectively managed under L.M.S.
- ✤ Well maintained.
- ✤ Well resourced.
- Additional staffing when necessary.
- Has accumulated a small contingency.

FINANCE

The School will remain financially secure because of:

- Steadily increasing pupil numbers.
- Friends of the school.
- ✤Village charity.

SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNITY

- Schools and the church.
- School and village events.
- ✤Visits to local farms and local people.
- Local people coming into school
 - To share lunch.
 - To help.
- Other schools visit to share our rich environment.
- ✤Play group.
- Mothers and Toddlers.
- **♦**Youth club.
- Evening classes.
- Country dancing.

ALL THIS WOULD BE LOST IF THE SCHOOL SHOULD CLOSE

THE BUILDINGS

- Modern buildings, built as allthrough primary.
- Well maintained.
- Low running costs.
- C of E. controlled and buildings not suitable for other use.

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- ✤Adaptable.
- ✤Generous grounds.
- ✤Recreation field.

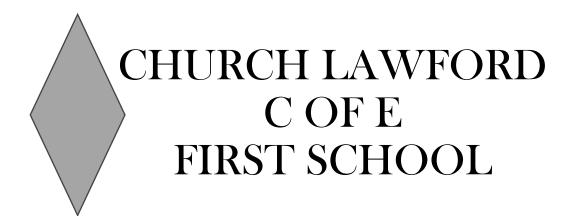
PROPOSAL

Expand the school to 120 by building one extra classroom.

Combine Church Lawford and Harborough Magna schools into a single 4-11 primary at Church Lawford.

COSTS

- Cost of expanding Church Lawford £140,000.
- Saving by not building new school at Brinklow £850,000 - £1,000,000.



TRAVEL
Travel distances:
Harborough Magna to:
Church Lawford 3 miles.
Brinklow 3 miles.
Monks Kirby 8 miles.
Church Lawford children don't need to travel to Long Lawford.

- 308 pupils in 330 places by 1999
- Bloxham primary (Bilton):
 - 430 pupils in 390 places by 1999
- ✤Wolston:
 - 142 Pupils in 150 places by 1999
- Brinklow: (Proposal 1)
 - 155 Pupils in 150 places by 1999
- Monks Kirby: (Proposal 1)
 - 155 Pupils in 150 places by 1999
 - (Proposal 2)
 - 231 pupils in 240 places by 1999

PUPIL NUMBERS

Current numbers:

- Church Lawford 41
- Harborough Magna 26
- Add 8 to 11 year olds around 100 by 1997.
- Add likely intake from surrounding areas we would operate close to capacity of 120 pupils.

THE GOVERNORS PROPOSALS WOULD:

- 1. Remove 150 'surplus' places at Harborough Magna and Church Lawford.
- 2. Create a 120 place 4-11 primary school at Church Lawford.
- 3. Save capital expenditure of £700,000 to £850,000 by removing the need for a new school at Brinklow.
- 4. Optimise the use of the excellent buildings at Church Lawford.

THE GOVERNORS PROPOSALS

Cont:

- 5. Better provide sufficient places to meet local needs.
- 6. Increase the opportunity for the expression of parental choice.
- 7. Minimise the travel distances for children in Church Lawford and Harborough Magna, while retaining the options for those parents who choose to transport their children to school.