



Church of England School

Cuddington & Dinton Church of England School

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CUDDINGTON & DINTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Junior School Fire – Update November 2011

As you will know earlier this year our school buildings in Dinton caught fire and sustained serious damage. Rather than simply rebuild the school, the Governors and School would like to take the opportunity to improve the facilities and accommodation provided by the school buildings and create a 'best in class' and inspirational educational environment for the children.

The plans to get the children back in the school by September 2012 are progressing. A final design has been created and is now with the local planning authority – everything so far is on schedule and we have appointed professional project managers to ensure that everything is done with the maximum expediency and with minimal disruption to our neighbours.

Over the past few weeks and months we have consulted and presented the proposed scheme to various groups, taking on board views, inspiring ideas and developing our plans accordingly. We started with the children who had some unexpected and inspiring requests, got the approval of the School Governing body and Diocese, presented to the staff and parents, held an open day for the local community on October 3rd and finally shared the plans with the Dinton Parish Council. It has been a very worthwhile process and we now feel confident that the plans submitted to the local council balance the needs and desires of the school with the views of all the relevant stakeholders.



The final scheme will secure the future of our school and allow it to continue to contribute to our vibrant village communities. It will create an inspiring environment for our children to learn and for the staff to teach, incorporating some of the latest thinking in education. Finally it will create an interesting architectural addition to the streetscape and built environment of Dinton.

The basic rebuild will cost a significant amount of money so over the next 12 months we will be undertaking fund raising activities to support the funding of the rebuild and also for some of the 'extras' that we would like to include for the children. These could include - environmental measures for the school such as brown water recycling and innovative use of ICT in the 'Library of Inspiration'.

We would like to thank the local communities for the overwhelming understanding and support that we have received.

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Background:

Cuddington & Dinton Church of England School

Cuddington and Dinton Church of England School is a primary school spread across two sites; the Infant site based in Cuddington and the Junior site in the neighbouring village of Dinton.

The school is privileged to enjoy strong links with supportive local communities and the church, relishing the history and traditions of our villages whilst moving our school and, most importantly, our pupil's education forward.

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