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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to say a big thank you to the parents, governors and staff who attended the Public Meeting re Place Planning this week. They outlined the background as to why the Plan is required and shared information about the falling numbers across the Island and mainland.

A number of points and concerns were raised with the Local Authority Officers who attended: Jade Kennett Strategic Development Officer Isle of Wight; Richard Vaughan Strategic Manager, Hants and the Isle of Wight; Natalie Smith, Assistant Director of Education and Cllr Debbie Andre, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills.

The key points that came out of the meeting were:

- Currently there is no time frame on if or when the plan is re-presented to the Cabinet
- Please be reassured that if the Cabinet agrees to the Plan - it is only agreeing to a Consultation on place planning and school closures are by no means certain
- If there is a Consultation period, all concerns and questions will be taken into consideration in making any decisions. This would enable everyone within our school community to be involved and voice any opinions, options and or comments, which is more than we are able to at the moment

At the meeting they shared the following email address to which you can raise concerns or make comments to the officers:

SandLBusinessSupport@iow.gov.uk

If you do have any questions please feel free to ask either a governor or member of staff and we shall do our best to answer them.

Regards,

Headteacher

