



**St. Mary's of Hope  
C.E. Primary School**

Head Teacher: Gail Richards B.A., P.G.C.E.

Wednesday, 20 October 2004

To All Parents/Guardians,


It is with much regret and sadness that we are writing to advise you that due to the continuous fall in pupil numbers we are proposing that our school is closed as soon as it is practicably possible.

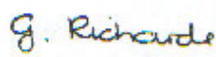
We are sorry that we have had to come to this decision but we do not believe that it is in the best interests of the children to continue with such low numbers in each year group. We hope parents will support us in coming to this decision.

We have notified the LEA of our decision and they will be writing to advise you of the closure procedure, which will begin with a 2 month period of consultation following a public announcement on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.

We will make every effort to ensure that this change is as painless as possible and that the children continue to receive a first class education during the interim period, with the move to a new school creating as least disruption as possible.

We plan to hold a meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 3 p.m. in the school hall for all parents of current pupils at the school, a representative of the LEA will join us at 3.30 p.m. to answer any questions that you may have.

  
Neil Ramsay  
Chair of Governors

  
Gail Richards  
Head Teacher