

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued patience and support in the last week. Trustees and SMT have been working hard to clarify the path forwards and put our action plan into motion. We are particularly keen to make sure parents are kept up to date and informed as much as possible.

We are confident in the Appeal against deregistration and as you may be aware we have a strong new team coming into place: new Interim Head Teacher, new Trustees and a first class legal team. We understand that many of you will have concerns about the possible closure of the school part way through the year, and we have sought detailed information about the different possible scenarios.

Attached is an update outlining the legal process ahead, the different timings and scenarios, and what the School will do in different scenarios. Please read the attachment carefully. If you have further questions, please see below. The most important thing to keep in mind is that **the Autumn Term will begin as scheduled on September 5th**.

In the next few days we will send an email about the Parent Advisory Council and how parents with energy, time and expertise can get involved in the effort to Save Our School. We understand that at this moment many parents feel desperate to do something, and take initiative. Parents have a very important role to play in the coming months, and the School will need your energy, skills and commitment, but we also ask that parents work as much as possible through the Parent Advisory Council so that all the skills and generous support can be properly coordinated.

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS

We hope the attachment provides some clarification, but we realise parents may have further questions. At the Trustees meeting held last week it was agreed to open several direct means of communication between parents and Trustees, so we are setting up an email account for questions to be managed by our new Trustee, Laurence Chester.

With a background in Safeguarding children as a child protection social worker for over 20 years, Laurence brings outstanding expertise and knowledge to the Trustee Council. He also has a daughter who is going into Class 8 this coming term.

If you wish to submit any questions about the ongoing developments in the School in relation to the appeal process against the DfE de-registration, the potential implications for the future education of your child(ren), or the actions taken by the School in response to the recent Ofsted reports, please email Laurence at this address: questions@rsskl.org

Laurence will endeavour to respond within 48 hours. However, if your question is complex and/or requires information we do not have, it may take longer to respond and we thank you, in advance, for your patience.

Please do not send any queries other than in regard to the school response to Ofsted as he will not be able to address other issues and so in these instances, please use the normal school channels.

As this is not the only option you have to engage with the Board of Trustees, we would be grateful if you would only utilise one of the options offered per question to avoid duplication.

All Trustees are enthusiastic about ensuring the voice of parents is clearly heard as part of our Ofsted response and together we will help the school evolve into being the best it can be in both Ofsted and Steiner Waldorf terms.

With best wishes,

Peter Harrington – On behalf of the Trustees