



# **SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING**

# **PUPILS VOICES**

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## SECTION 1 – ONLINE SURVEY

### Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Arreton St George's Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I love my school. I can walk there which is healthy and good for the planet. My parents work so they can't drive me to a faraway school. My friends are here. I struggle sometimes with my emotions and my school are really kind and understand me. I like going to the church and having visits from the church and I like learning about the bible and how to be a good person. There aren't more church schools I can go to, and I would miss that. We have great after school clubs and do really fun trips.

I love my school. I have a disability, and my teachers look after me. If I went to a big school, I wouldn't be able to learn and have fun like I can at my school. I can't get to a different school because we walk. I wouldn't manage before and after school clubs so that I can be dropped off and my parents still get to their workplaces which are both in Arreton.

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I love Arreton because it feels like we are a family. The teachers are wonderful and make time for me. They know me so well. The smaller classes meant that I get paid attention to, which didn't happen at my old school. I am doing so well here, and I can achieve all my future dreams.

My old school, ██████████, had huge classes and they did not care or help me when I didn't understand. They let people bully me and abuse me. But at Arreton it is the opposite.

The lessons are interesting and fun, and we do so many wonderful things. I feel safe and happy here.

I'm scared I'm going to lose even more friends and my teachers and that I will end up in another big class where the children are badly behaved and bullies. It makes me cry to think of all of this.

Please don't close Arreton. I don't want to move again. I am happy here and doing so well with my Arreton family.

Don't shut my school. I love my teachers and lessons.

I love my school so much I asked Santa to save it. I don't understand why anyone would want to close my school and it makes me very angry and upset. I don't want to go to a new school and a bigger school scares me. I don't like lots of people and new places. Loud noises scare me and my teachers make me feel safe.



I am disgusted that this joke of a proposal has been given so much attention that it has gotten this far. It is full of lies and misleading statements throughout. I work in [REDACTED] and if I placed a document this inaccurate into production I would be dismissed. What are the council planning to do when the birth rate increases (which it already has) and we need more school places? How much will building new schools or expanding schools cost? Not that any of you care as it won't be your problem in a few years! Parents will have to drive past closed perfectly decent school buildings left to rot to take kids to overcrowded poorly maintained and under achieving schools just so you people can save face after failing to meet the safety valve contract. Disgusting cruel evil spiteful behaviour that is not justification for disrupting all these children. Close one of the Newport schools where kids can walk and travel to easily without much disruption, those schools obviously have space! Or is it the council's intention to target Church of England and rural schools? Discrimination is unacceptable in this day and age.

I won't go to a different school and you people can't make me

My mum said I can go to school at home if my school closes, she calls it de schooling and says it's better than going to a new school. I don't want a new school I want my school

My name is \*\*\*\*\* and I go to Arreton St George's primary school. I have autism and don't like changes very much. I am very scared of a new school and new people. I am very frustrated. I like my school because they know how to look after me and my TA helps me with lots of things. I can use the bathroom by myself now I'm not scared anymore. I worked hard at school today and my teacher gave me my own special pencil which I have wanted for a long time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] when I have worked hard, and she finds me [REDACTED] books in the library. Can I stay at my school please?

I went to [REDACTED] primary and when it closed, I was very sad and got very stressed. When I went to Arreton I was scared I didn't know anybody, and I felt very worried. I spent all night crying because I was scared and took my [REDACTED] to school the next day. The head teacher said I would take [REDACTED] to school with me for comfort and this made me feel a bit better. On my first day a made friends my best friend stayed with me all day. The teachers were really nice to me and let me join in when I wanted to. At lunch time I was allowed to sit with my new friends, and they showed me all round the school I went into the office and reception to meet all of the teachers who were very nice to me. When I started at school I couldn't do as much work as the other kids in my class, so the teacher gave me more help and time to do my work and now I am just as good and fast as my friends. I do not want to change schools again and I want to stay with my best friend who gives me lots of help and loves me. I really enjoy going to the church and like to sing there I would be very sad if I couldn't do that anymore. My mum says that the school closing would save money. They can have my pocket money, and I could get a job to give them some more money. My friends and me would like to sell cakes to make money for the school and we could bring our own pens and pencils to school to save money buying them. I have lots of pens and pencils so I can share them with my friends. Please don't close my school I don't want to be sad anymore.

I love my school. I love my friends. You will be making me leave the place I feel safe.

I don't want another school I want my school. It makes me feel sad that so many of my friends won't be with me every day if Arreton closes. My mum and dad said I won't have to go to a new school because I can learn at home, but I won't be able to see my friends and that makes me sad.

It makes me feel very sad that you're going to close the bestest school ever. It makes my heart, and my head hurt that I won't see my teachers or my friends again. It's very mean what you are doing to my school.

I am worried that the new children will make my classroom noisy and that they won't be very happy at my school



This school is the best! It is small and in a rural area and it is small, so it is good for lots of people that are still there. The teachers and students are all very friendly

I love my school; I only have [REDACTED] left as I am a year [REDACTED] I don't want to leave my school, teachers and friends.

I am very happy and love my school and my teachers.

It makes me very upset that you want to close it, my teachers will not have jobs, and my friends will all move to different schools.

Arreton is the best school for me, my friends and my teachers.

I love going to the After School Club in the nursery. It is a nice small school, and I like learning all about the church too.

Leave Arreton alone.

"I don't want them to do this because the grown-ups won't have a job, and I won't go to another school because I won't allow that. Arreton is the school I belong in, and I want to stay. The thing that is so good about my school is that they understand us and they help our wishes and our learning to come true. Nothing will be the same at another school and I don't cope well with change."

\*\*\*\*\* [REDACTED] at Arreton and has attended since Reception year. Here are his views: Arreton is a brilliant school; the teachers are fun, and we learn in a way that challenges us to do well and get better. I enjoy going to school each day, seeing my friends and having fun. If the school closed, I would be angry; I would have to go to a different school and might not be with my friends. The teachers would lose their jobs. Please stop this happening.

This a bad decision for shutting down Arreton as it is not just a supportive SEN school but supports all students. I've enjoyed my time here as a current year [REDACTED] student. My extended family has also attended this school and have the same opinion as me: this school should not close!

I asked my [REDACTED]-year-old what he liked about school - I love my school. I have learnt so much. I like to play with my friends. My teachers help me to learn. I like doing cookery club after school. My favourite things I've learnt is about space and the bible stories. I'm learning lots of new sounds.

As an ex-pupil of Arreton school I am deeply saddened to hear that the plan is to close the school. Rural schools of this type provide a unique and invaluable learning experience that will stay with you for life. Their environment adds to the learning experience that cannot be replicated in a more urban setting.

I love my school, and I have been very happy there. I'm so sad that it is closing. I'm very sad that my friends have already left.

I'm a student at Arreton. St George's primary school and I just wanna say this I love all my teachers and they're all less like teachers and more like family this school is kind to me not at all like my old school at my old school they ripped out my work cause I got too far ahead

[REDACTED] but at the school the kind to me and would never rip out my work. I love my school, and my mum doesn't want me to go through two school closures in the next year because I am a year [REDACTED] and soon, I'll be going to secondary school so please I beg you don't close Arreton.

I'm very scared and I'm worried I will lose my friends and teachers I don't like this and want it to stop I love my school it is a good school I have learned loads more than my last school my teachers are nice and care about me and I have lots of friends



**Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?**

I love my school. Please don't make me leave it.

I love school. I love my teachers and my friends. Please don't shut my school.

I loved this school, helped me a lot with my needs. I love teachers there. Save my school.

I couldn't read most long words before.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you because our teachers won't have any jobs. Do you really want our fellow teachers to be depressed? What about people with needs? You should think about that, from Yr [redacted] pupil.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you as a pupil. The teachers will lose their jobs and friendships will be broken. This school (Brading Primary) is a rural and Church of England school and if you shut it down, it will be a big loss for the faith. I've been in this school for [redacted] years (half of Reception all the way to my current year). It's an awesome school. Even though I am not going to be phased by the closure, but I still want it to stay open for the pupils in lower years.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you because one uniform cost £20 but next year with a new uniform it will be more when you are done with inflation. Five schools closing down that means 5 whole years of year 5's are to spend loads of pounds. We are a rural school. There are 3 on the get closed - that's a big drop. The schools will be overfilled with kids.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to speak my opinion about the closure of Brading Primary. I have ticked the not supportive box because of a variety of valid reasons that I will state in this letter. Brading is a Church of England school so if you shut down the school, the amount of religious faith that the Island would lose would be fatal. This school has understanding, trained teachers that not only teach our next generation, but teach SEN (special needs) children. We have 2 classes dedicated to special needs children and reaching their needs to ensure their future is only the best. If you close this school, many special needs children, not just from this school, but all of them, will not be able to handle the sudden forced change and that will lead to home school rates sky rocketing. Making our generation downgrade to an alarming rate.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing as a Brading pupil. Teachers have been giving us courage to be brave and help us learn. When we are hurt, teachers provide us with help and help us feel better. They are always here when we are sad, angry or happy. Some kids have been friends for years and now they might have to leave them.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I do not approve of Brading CE Primary School closing down because all of the younger children will be separated from their friends and all of the lovely teachers that we have here. The teachers don't deserve to lose their jobs because they are kind, supportive, and want to keep everybody safe. They have been very committed to us and shouldn't have to be sad because they have lost their jobs and all of their pupils. I have been at this school for [redacted] years and I can say that I have been supported much more at Brading than I was at my old school (which is due to stay open). At Brading, my writing has improved, my reading is now excellent, and I've gained confidence to volunteer in class because I am supported and listened to.



Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you as a year [REDACTED] I don't believe the school should close because all the great teachers will lose their jobs and children from lower years will lose some or even all of their friends. If you shut our school, you are closing one of the Island's only rural schools. Also, if you close our school, it will skyrocket the numbers of home schoolers because Brading has a lot of special needs kids which won't handle the change. Personally, I don't think the school should close because I have been here from year 1 and I didn't know how to [REDACTED], but they taught me and now I can [REDACTED] normally. If you shut the school, there will be more money being used on fuel and there might be traffic. In Hawaii and Cuba class, they have the most special need kids, and the teachers work hard to teach them. If you close the school, people will have to take longer routes and burn more fuel.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing as a Brading pupil. Home school is not as fun as public school. If you get home schooled and don't socialise, you won't have friends. As you get older, it will be hard to make friends. Next, kids with problems. Some kids have ADHD Autism and more. So, we have classes for them. It's hard for them to work and sit still. The teachers help them to have ideas.

I would love the school to stay open because I have loads of memories here and I don't think there will be a better school than this and I spent most of my life at this school. So please keep the school open or I would be heartbroken.

This school is so supportive and the only school near me. I might move to Haylands, and I will have to walk across a train track or a bus, so please keep the school open.

The school should stay open because I want the best teachers ever and it is the only school near where I live, and it is one of the best schools I've been to!

Why are we closing?

We should not close because there are already things in our school that you are putting in other schools. So we should not close.

I think we should stay open because we as a school care for each other's needs and the staff work hard to support us. So why do you want to close a school that is an amazing school?

I think Brading should stay open because I have been here since preschool, and they provide amazing education. The teachers are really supportive of us and always make us believe we can do something. It would make every child and teacher very upset, and it will be a very big loss. The schools' teachers teach all of us children in the funniest ways possible, and it would be the worst decision.

Don't close our school. We're all sad. It's worrying. The teachers will lose their jobs. My [REDACTED] will lose her job. If it closes, all my friends will go. PLEASE!!

I know Brading Primary should stay open. Here's why. Brading has helped me so much with information about maths, science, geography and so on. At Brading we stand for a team that trusts each other. All the staff at Brading are extremely kind, and so are the students. Everybody at Brading will have their hearts broken if it shuts down, especially the staff and the children. I love this school so much. I have only loved Brading. If it closes, I have no idea where I will go. No school has ever helped me with my anxiety except for Brading. Our subjects are funnier than ever, but you still get the learning and information in it. So that's why Brading should stay open.

I love learning and having fun at Brading. Please don't close my school.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I don't want Brading CE Primary School to close down because it's a wonderful school and I want other kids to enjoy Brading CE Primary School. It should stay open because the other people will lose their friends. I have been at another school. Because I want other people to learn and make new friends at their new school. Because I want other new people to come to this school and I want other people to be safe at Brading CE Primary School.



Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am somewhat supportive because it affects the teachers which have a good job here at Brading although sometimes the teachers can't handle everything how they should have, and children are going to lose their friends and also the other schools might be able to handle stuff better. And the activities here are fun with most teachers. Breaktime is also fun, we can play football and play other things. It's good because there is no noise because it is a rural school. Home schooled people will also be affected because they don't know where they are going to find their friends. People are also going to move about, fuel prices, and people who have special needs are going to have to travel longer and it's more stress for their family which isn't needed.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you as a pupil (year [REDACTED]) I have heard that you're trying to shut our school. I think that Brading is great, and all the teachers are great. I've been in Brading now for [REDACTED] years. I know that it won't affect me that much, but all the teachers here put in so much effort and think about all the kids and their friends. We are a school who accepts everyone. We have special kids that actually are getting on really well. Year [REDACTED] as you know, [REDACTED] and all the teachers are getting us ready and helping us prepare for them. We're also one of a few rural schools and we're also a church school who accepts all faiths. Because Brading is supposed to be shutting, people are moving but some aren't. So, if it does shut down, people could get moved by you. This will affect people because Morton Common gets closed in the winter so it will be hard to get to school.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to help save Brading Primary School. I don't want Brading Primary School to shut down because all teachers are very nice, and I wouldn't imagine how they would feel since they lost their jobs. Also, Mrs Wall and Mrs Lerner work really hard to make sure everyone is feeling happy and if they are feeling angry, they help calm them down. If the school shuts down, all the parents will have to drive other ways, and it will probably take longer if Morton is closed from flooding. Also, Morton is a road that gets used a lot so it will be harder to get to their new school. This school is very good with SEN. We have got 2 classrooms just for them. There is one class called Cuba and Hawaii. Next, lots of people will start home schooling because they don't want to go to their new school. Also, if they get home schooled, they won't get the right learning. The people that go to The Bay will have trouble making friends.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to help save Brading Primary School. I think this school should stay open because all the teachers try their hardest to teach us good things. The SEN here is really high, and can you imagine moving to a random school you've never been to before. It will take too long to get to school, and everyone will be late. If you get rid of lots of rural schools, there will be none left. Brading is a Church of England school so there will be low levels of faith. It will be like getting rid of religious people.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing as a pupil of Brading Primary School. Don't close the school down. Our wonderful, brilliant teachers will be jobless (that means no income). Since most of the children will go to The Bay CE, if Morton Common closes, they will be late and they will pollute the atmosphere more due to the fact that they would drive. We have a very high level of SEN. We have 2 classes dedicated to children with needs. We are a rural Church of England school so it will be a loss for rural schools and the Church of England schools. Lots of children's friendships will be ruined; children will be separated from their friends. The local economy will be worse. Don't shut the school.



Dear Isle of Wight Council, I do not support Brading CE Primary being shut for the following reasons: young children will lose friends, excellent teachers who are kind and keep us safe will lose their jobs and we are role models for other schools as we are very supportive of children with special educational needs. As a year [ ] pupil, I have enjoyed [ ] years at Brading CE Primary School, and I can safely say it is the best school in my local area. My sister deserves to stay at this school and enjoy it as much as I have. Does she deserve to be disrupted and denied the opportunities I have had as part of this lovely community? Other schools are incredibly hard to reach especially when Morton Common floods (which happens regularly). This means other schools become even harder to reach - diversions make routes much longer than 2 miles. The schools should be close to our homes.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing as a Brading pupil. First of all, our school is a rural school, so it won't be as busy. If we do a test, it will be more quiet. We could also concentrate more when we do something important. Public transport - some children live around Brading, so if we close, they will have to travel 2 miles to walk or drive to The Bay. Sometimes Morton Common will close by flooding, which means every child will be late to school. Friendships and home school - KS1 are important too. Friendships will split and kids will be sad to lose their friends and best friends. Home school - most parents work and can't home school, so kids can't learn. Also, they can't mostly make friends and mostly become sadder and sadder. Teachers - teachers are amazing at Brading. Kind, helpful the list can go on about for ages! There are no negatives about them. When we are hurt, they do their duty immediately.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, as a year [ ] pupil at Brading Primary School (and I have been in this school [ ] years) I can verify this school has got high levels of SEN and teachers who can handle those children. Morton Common is closed most of the winter so for people who live in Brading and Ryde will have to take longer to get to school. If you close Brading and people go to The Bay in Sandown, they won't have enough teachers to go round each class.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you as a Year [ ] pupil and I'm not supporting your actions to close Brading Primary School (CE). I think this is very unfair to close our school because our school is one of the few rural schools on the Isle of Wight and there is a park next to our school where lots of people go to every day after school. If you close our school, many people will not have the time or access to a park near their new school. Also, if Morton Common closes due to flooding, it will cause many people/pupils to stay at home or travel longer until the road opens again. If we do have to travel longer, it will cause us to use more gas and it will slowly ruin the O-Zone layer. After school ends, people go to shops and if our school closes, shops will not get as many customers and will start to lose a lot of money. If people start losing money, they will be broke. If you do close our school, many people will have to go to another school, and this could separate many friends from each other and there will be no more places for teachers to go. If we all go to The Bay Primary, The Bay will have too many pupils.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you as a Brading year [ ] pupil. If you close our school, think of all the children losing their best friends and also it will be awful for the families that do not have cars. Think of the young people who have problems or something. It's also a rural school so when people are doing tests, you can have the window open instead of all the schools in urban parts. Where do you think the SEN kids will go? Do you really want more kids to be home schooled? The school is so good that we do not even have any piece of bullying. The local shops might lose money because some children have sweets after school from the shops. If you do close the school, Morton Common is usually closed for floods. Kids parents would be complaining about how much petrol they are using each day. Personally, I think this school is amazing because when I have a bad day or something, they always help me (Mr Baker, Mrs Peasley). All the parents will be spending more money on new school clothes for their children and even new school



shoes. If there's about 32 odd people in a class, kids will not get one on one attention that you would get with 20 people.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am a Year [redacted] pupil. I have been here since Reception; it has been great. The teachers are great and kind. They help me and every other child in my class and school.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you as a Year [redacted] pupil and I'm not supportive because there are teachers who will lose their jobs and be jobless. Personally, I enjoy this school because all of the things and teachers and friendships. If you take down the school, the things in the school go to waste and the children will need to go to a new school so will the teachers. We have 2 SEN classes, so if you shut down Brading Primary School it will be hard for SEN kids to get started at the different school. We're one of only a few rural schools on the Isle of Wight, so if you shut this school down, there will be less and less rural schools. The economy in Brading will skyrocket down if you shut down this school.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am not supportive of the Brading School closure because they have helped me a lot. Teachers at my old school were not as friendly here. If I have a problem, I can talk to the adults in my classroom to get it sorted. It will be awful for families that don't have a car to try to get to St Helens or The Bay. It is likely that children will be home schooled instead. [redacted] I know this to be horrible and tortuous and lonely. Lots of schools don't support SEN children as well as Brading. If the school closes, friendships will be split up. Children here have been making friendships for many years. I really hope that you don't close our school.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you as a Year [redacted] pupil that would love if you could keep our school open. First of all, the teachers we have are amazing and they put so much effort into our education. I really think our school should stay open because of all of the things that they do for us such as: teach, plan fund trips and help us if we don't understand something.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you because I am not supportive of your proposal. As you know, Brading Primary School is a Church of England school and a rural school. There are only a few schools like Brading and if you close it, then soon there will only be urban schools left. If you close this school, then children will have to go to The Bay Primary School. In winter, Morton Common always floods so everyone will direct to Yaverland which will have extra traffic if more people are going to Sandown. Usually kids walk to school, but if it closes then they will have to spend more money on buses and fuel. Brading Primary has special areas for SEN children.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, please don't shut this school down because there is so many lovely teachers and they do not deserve to lose their job. A team that trust each other. In my opinion, this is one of the best schools that I've been to. The reason for this is because I have come on so well since joining in year [redacted] I have had much more support.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I think it should not be closed as it is the only school in the town called Brading and I have a big emotional attachment to the school. The staff here are amazing and deserve their jobs here. I would feel very distressed moving schools. Thank you, get considering this and you have a wonderful day.

Don't close this school. People have friends here and if you close it, I won't be able to see my friends. Imagine that you and your friend are being separated. Your friend going to Spain and you going to Canada. You would be very lonely and sad. It's not easy to make new friends and not easy to get used to new teachers.

I will be sad because my friends will leave and Brading is safe. Also, teachers will be jobless. People love this school and you're taking it away from students. That's not fair!! Don't close it!!

Our friends - we will miss them. Brading is safe and spacious. Some students have only just started and also new staff have just started as well as school students. There will not



be enough schools for all children. Brading is a school we all love. Brading School is the best. We love Brading School because we are always happy. Save our school.

My friends might be split up with me. The people who walk to school. Brading is a supportive school. It's going to be hard to move schools. Some students have only just started. Not another school if you shut us down. The clubs are really fun. Brading teaches nicely.

I would be sad if the school was closing because people that have just joined will have to leave and I mostly wouldn't want to leave because I love working and I love the staff and that you stopped Godshill, can't you stop schools like Brading CE Primary School. I just don't want it closing because if schools are closing and I want to stay, it's fun. Save Brading School.

I am absolutely not supportive of Brading closing because I have really nice friends and the staff here are really nice, and if you stopped Godshill from closing why not stop Brading School. So please do not close it.

There are people who can't afford to move schools. If you close this school, no one will have friends. There are new teachers and new students, and they have been here for 5 months.

I think the school should not close down because if we go to a different school, we won't see our friends anymore. Plus, it will be harder for families that live in Brading. You stopped Godshill so why close Brading? There might also be bullies at a new school. It's a good school, don't shut the school.

Friends - because you will miss them. If you can't afford a bus or a taxi. All the staff & teachers we will miss from all years you have been in. We will miss everything. It's hard for people to afford buses. All our friends are leaving because you're closing it. Save our school.

I think Brading School should stay open because everyone likes it here and their friends here are going to feel really upset. Because if you move Brading people - can't afford new uniforms for schools. Also, some students only just started here at Brading Primary School.

All of the families who can't afford for a new school, so please save our school. All of our new students do you want to upset the little ones? You saved Godshill, why not save us?

I like my routine, I know where I am, I'm used to the building. I don't like change. My teachers know me and how I like to learn. My teachers help me. I have my own special table.

I think that Brading CE Primary School should not close because I will be separated from all my friends. There is also a lot of other reasons including I won't be able to go to Brading School. I will be heart-broken! Many people who have been here for a long time will be heart-broken as well! If the other schools are really expensive then people won't be able to afford it! If you save Brading Primary School people will be happy again. I will be really sad and upset. Don't you even think about closing the school. I beg you. Please save this school. I'll mention this - I love learning! I'll also miss all the teachers. Please don't close the school. Save this school.

I think Brading School should stay open because teachers might lose their jobs, and we will lose our friends. If you let Godshill open, you should let Brading open as well and it is hard for families to afford new schools.

Point 1 - We should keep Brading Primary School open because you stopped Godshill from closing so why not stop Brading from closure. Point 2 - Some adults can't afford to get a new school uniform or buses to get on. Point 3 - It will be very hard for teachers to find new jobs and they might lose money from being redundant. Point 4 - We have got different classes for pupils with special needs. Point 5 - If you close our school, it will be hard for certain people to make new friends.



I know it's a little school but lots of people want to go here. Most people that would go to The Bay can't get there so come here. I went to [REDACTED] but it was bad compared to Brading. I get way more help than at [REDACTED]. I like playing football here with my teacher. All the teachers I like. They let me play and calm down when I need it. You let me do work at my level. I hope they don't shut the school. Please don't or everyone will be separated from friends. Please!!!

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I want to try to persuade you to keep Brading Primary School open. I think my school gives us good opportunities like trips and visits. My favourite trip was when we went to golf every week for 10 weeks. I walk to school every day. If I went to a different school, mum would have to take me and my [REDACTED] on the bus. I hope you read my letter and reconsider your choice.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to try to persuade you to keep my school open. It is important to keep Brading open because if it closes, we would lose so many friends and the teachers too. I would absolutely hate for this school to close because we have so many opportunities - trips and visits. There is also really good equipment, there is a climbing frame, astro and basketball hoops. I hope you read my letter and reconsider your choice.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to try to persuade you to keep my school open. I feel like this school should stay open because the teachers are really nice and supportive. I started in Year 2, and I made lots of memories here. I get anxious when moving and I will have to make new friends there. At Brading, I feel safe and happy at school. Thank you for the time you have taken to read my letter.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to try to persuade you to keep my school open. If this school will shut, I will be sad. The teachers are kind and helpful. I've been here since I started school. This is an amazing school to me; it gives me memories. I might lose my friends. We get play twice a day. Brading School is great. People respect us. They listen to us. I might not see my teachers. I don't want it to shut down. Every teacher is amazing here. I feel safe. I have trusted people. Please keep this school open. Thank you for reading.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to try to persuade you to keep my school open. I think Brading Primary School should not shut down because we have lots of memories. I enjoy having friends and teachers that support us and respect me. I feel cheerful having teachers. If this school shut down, I will no longer see my friends and teachers every time. I have friends to play even if we have a small class. I still celebrate my friends. Thank you for reading my letter. I hope you change your mind.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to try to persuade you to keep my school open. My school is important to me because I feel happy when I see my friends and teachers and visitors. I do not want to lose friends. The first day in my school, I made lots of friends and I do not want to lose friends. Thank you for listening.

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to try to persuade you to keep my school open. At Brading I feel happy, and I have lots of fun. We have lots of equipment on our playground that I love to play with. I have lots of friends here and I would be very sad if we had to leave. At Brading, all of my teachers help me to do my best. They make me feel happy and this makes me enjoy coming to school. Please keep my school open!

Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to try and persuade you to keep my school open. I really like my school. My friends are kind and caring to me. And the teachers help us to learn and write. I love to go to on school trips and have fun with my friends. My whole class went to golf lessons, no other school does that! My lovely [REDACTED] lives in Brading and if I go to a different school, I wouldn't be able to go to hers after school. Thank you for reading my letter. I hope you change your mind.



Dear Isle of Wight Council, I am writing to you to try to persuade you to keep my school open. I really don't want to lose my friends because I already lost most of them. I also have great teachers and great memories. My friends are very supportive. The school trips are amazing, and the visitors are great as well. Thank you for reading my letter. I hope you change your mind.

I don't think Brading should be closed because I love maths because I love my friends and teachers. I like collective worship because they pray at the start.

My teachers help me to play basketball and exercise. This helps me with my work.

I don't think Brading should be closed because there are nice people. I like the teachers because the teachers treat us well. I like the work that I do here. I love the teachers and the people here. Maths I like, PE and English. I like school trips. The chefs are nice and cook nice food for us.

I don't think Brading School should be closed because teachers are nice, and this is the best school because it is a really nice school. Because I like maths and art. Because I like this school, and I like handwriting. Because I like our nice food. Because I like wonderful people and teachers. Because I love this school. Because it is a real nice big school.

I love my school because it is fun. I have a lot of friends.

I like school. I love my friends. Being with [REDACTED] makes me happy. I have friends at Brading.

[Teacher transcribed] \*\*\*\*\* told me that school makes him happy, and he likes school. I asked \*\*\*\*\* how he would feel for Brading to close, and he pulled a sad face.

Brading is fun. I want to stay with my friends. I like my teachers and the work.

I don't think Brading should be closed because new people might come. Please don't close, I love it so much. I love my class; it is lovely and very kind teachers so please don't shut. I love maths and English, phonics and art. Please don't shut.

I don't think Brading should close because it has nice people. It is the best school in the world. It has the best teachers and everyone. I really like learning, it is fun. Please do not shut this school because it is not fair.

I don't think Brading should be closed because this school is the best because the teachers teach us well. Please do not shut Brading.

I don't think Brading should be closed because it is a nice school. I really like maths because it is fun.

I don't think Brading School should be closed because there are nice people here. The teachers are nice. We get taught good here. It is lovely here. It is the best. We know it is nice. I like PE and maths and English. I like the school trips.

I don't think Brading should be closed because the people are really nice.

I don't think Brading should be closed because there are lovely teachers and friends. I don't think Brading should be closed because it has nice friends. I love maths because it's fun and funny. I don't think Brading should close because it is the best. Don't close.

I don't think Brading should be closed because the teachers are nice.

I don't think Brading should close down because we won't see our friends and our teachers and Brading is the best school. I love the school trips and the work. I love Brading, it is the best.

I don't think Brading School should close because it is nice and kind. There are nice teachers, and I have nice friends.

I don't think Brading should be closed because the teachers are nice so is everybody.

I won't be able to move to another school. We will have to go in the car or bus, and I can't use my scooter.

My friends will go to different places, and I will have to make new friends, and I'm scared.

My teacher won't be with me at my new school which makes me sad.



I love having all the toys to play with in my class. I will miss my class and my friends and my teacher.

We won't walk to school with [REDACTED] anymore.

I won't walk home with [REDACTED] and have fun at her house.

I won't be able to walk home with [REDACTED] if we go to different schools.

I am scared about going to a new school.

I love my school. I love the sand play and the playdough.

I love school. I like the swing.

Please don't close my school. I love balancing, jumping and riding scooters in my outside area.

Please don't close my school. I love the bikes.

Please don't close my school. I love the outside area.

Brading makes me happy. Please save our school! My big love heart to show how much I love Brading!

Being at Brading Primary makes me so happy. Save my school please!

I love Brading School. Please save it. Happy face because Brading School makes me happy.

#### Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Cowes Primary School?

I have [REDACTED]. My school make meals themselves so I know I can eat them. The school I will be going to will only have jacket potatoes or tomato pasta as safe options. That's not fair.

If I go to Gurnard, I probably won't be in any of the sports teams which will make me sad. Teachers keep saying next year is important [REDACTED]. I don't think it will be good for me to do this in such a big school.

Cowes is a great school. It might be a small school in pupils but it's big in heart. Please don't close my school.

"My friends might not be with me anymore."

"Children will be sad."

"I love the 'everywhere bear,' creating and break times."

"I have friends in years 1, 4, 5 and 6. I play with them at break times."

"I'm sad that [REDACTED] might not find a new job. [REDACTED] is a really good teacher. She does fun clubs too."

"I really like geography and history with Mrs Castle."

I don't want my school to close. If my school does have to close, I want to go to Gurnard Primary so I can be with my friends who already go to that school and make more friends there. I don't want to stay in my old school building if it is not going to be Cowes Primary anymore, that would make me sad. I love my teachers and the other staff at Cowes, I would like them to come and work in my new school.

"Please don't close our school, I love walking to school and seeing my friends and if I move to Gurnard, we will have to drive every day which is bad for the environment. We have really nice teachers at Cowes Primary, and they deserve to keep their jobs. It is a happy school".

I think that the council are making a huge mistake.

My school is amazing and doesn't deserve this one tiny bit and I really want you to concentrate on our views as children because you are not being affected, we are. Our staff, our cooks, our pupils have we given our school a magic that cannot be replaced. When you (the council) put us down for closure in 2023 lots of children left, we had teachers leave



and now we are on the list again and one of the reasons for our closure is the lack of students.

**Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Oakfield Church of England (CE) Primary School?**

This is my school! I don't want it to shut. My teachers are amazing.

Please don't close my school. I really struggle at school and need my school life to stay the same.

This school has been amazing for me and my [REDACTED]. The school has helped me so much. Please don't shut it, there would be so many of my friends who wouldn't cope at a new school.

If Oakfield turns into a school which can help some of the other students in my school, I will be able to learn better.

At the moment my teachers spend more time looking after other children who need lots and lots of help than me and then I get forgotten about.

I also spend lots of time outside as the fire alarm gets set off a lot by children who need extra help.

I deserve a good education.

I need strong teachers to guide me.

I like learning and should be allowed to learn in a flourishing school.

No pupil should start life in a school that doesn't function successfully. It is not fair.

I go to a good school. I am learning a lot. I am happy and my teachers look after me and grow my brain.

All children should have this.

If a school isn't good (like Oakfield isn't) it is not fair to keep it going. Us children deserve the best start.

Oakfield really help people. Lots of my friends walk to school and they couldn't get to another school. The teachers and teaching assistants are very caring. At Oakfield we have forest school every week, a computing room and Spanish room, forest hub and a huge field and playground. Lots of my friends live in flats but here at school they get to have lots of space.

Oakfield is my second primary school, and I have also [REDACTED]. I have made so many friends and learned so much. I feel safe and if I am struggling the teachers do so much to help me. I can walk to school. Some children in my class find things very hard but the teaching assistants do a lot to help them. Some had a very hard time at their old schools. My friend used to go to [REDACTED] but he is much happier at Oakfield. My other friend went to [REDACTED] and was very sad there. Lots of my friends live in flats but at school they have the forest, the playground and the field. We can see the sea from our school upstairs and walk to the sailing club and the beach and the swimming pool. We know everyone at school and the staff all know us really well. I don't want to have to go to Greenmount - it's harder to get to and will be a much bigger school. We have a new building and amazing space outside - please don't take it away from us.

I am in Year [REDACTED] and have an EHCP. Oakfield have looked after me since I started in Year [REDACTED]. The teachers really care about me. I love Mrs Stanford, Mrs Robinson Mrs Branska and Miss Hendey. I have a best friend called [REDACTED] and he helps me a lot. Last year I was [REDACTED] and everyone looked after me well. [REDACTED] get to my classroom. I have special needs, and I like being an Oakfield - please don't take this school away from the children who really need it.



I very much enjoyed being a student at Oakfield Primary and felt supported and listened to when I was there. They helped me to understand my neurodiversity and I always felt included. I did not realise how much they included me until I went to high school, and I was not supported at all. I ended up being homeschooled as a result of the school not dealing with bullies and I felt very alone. Oakfield has a zero-tolerance attitude to bullying and we always had someone who would listen to us and try to help us. I also caught up with my studies when I was there, as I was a bit behind [REDACTED]. I was very young, and I struggled with my old teacher at my old school as she didn't understand me. I am concerned about my old teachers losing their jobs too. They work so hard and don't deserve to be discarded like nothing because the council wants to make our school a special needs school. What about the needs of the children in our community? My younger sibling is still at Oakfield and this whole process has been upsetting for them. Do the planners really care about children in Ryde? Because it doesn't seem like you are listening at all. Oakfield should not be closed. It is too needed.

I am in year [REDACTED] at Oakfield Primary School. I think our school is great and shouldn't close. I really like my teachers and love being outdoors at Oakfield. I really like playing on the adventure equipment and so do my friends. I do not understand why the council want to close our school. We have a good school community, and we all care for each other. My teachers work really hard. They don't deserve to lose their jobs, and the teachers had to go to university to become teachers and studied really hard. How will they pay their bills? Where will they work if you are closing schools? I feel sad for all the children in the years below me. They don't want the school to close either. There are also lots of children who said they won't go to school. Some of them don't have a garden so how will they play? I think it's really sad that they aren't being thought about. I'm worried about the children who don't have breakfast at home. What will they eat? I don't want our school to close. I think it is a terrible idea and our school is a really new school building. Close a school that is older. Please don't close my school. I would miss my friends and teachers. I don't want to change schools as I love my school. Closing it is wrong

I love my school. Please don't close it. I don't want to go to a different school that is far away from my house, and I don't have my nice teachers.

#### **Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Wroxall Primary School?**

I don't like what you are doing to me and my friends and my family. We love our school; you are making this difficult for us all. If you close my school me and my [REDACTED] have nowhere to go, I start year [REDACTED] this year and [REDACTED] the next. I am growing up and I am trying my best, but you are disrupting my learning journey again after the lockdown, if I fail my exams. It's on you. Stop bullying us and our Primary School.

Please leave my school alone. I am happy where I am. I am happy with my friends. I am happy with my teachers. I am happy with my sibling being at the same school. We have to stay together, and our school has to stay open. It's pretty and it's kind to all of us. I love my school. And I do NOT want to go to a different school

Please please don't close my school. I am so happy here. And Miss Hopkinson is such a wonderful headteacher, she knows what's best for us all and our lovely school. I will really miss her and my friends if our school is closed. We are all so happy here. I don't want to leave or lose my friends.

I am not leaving my school. I am happy and safe at Wroxall. My learning is fun and supported.



I will not tolerate you shutting down my school, if you do, I will be very upset, I only have [REDACTED] of primary to go, if I fail my [REDACTED] it would be your fault for closing down our primary school. As this is where I learn more about everything, but when I start high school, I know learning gets harder, and shapes my future career, which I am not letting you take away from me. Me and my friends are scared that you are going to separate us, and you already are!

We know that all of us can't get into another school, and it's unfair that you that have saved Godshill school without even considering my school. All of us was happy to unite with Godshill to become one big great school so that we could all stay together and make new friendships, but you haven't even tried to make an effort to protect the heritage of both schools. I will not let you shut down my school. I will not go back to [REDACTED]! I am not religious either. You are putting me and [REDACTED] in a sad state of mind for not allowing us to be at Wroxall Primary in peace. We are happy here and we wish to stay here until we are old enough to finish at our final academic year. Why can't you just do the right thing and leave our wonderful School alone. You say YES but we all stand with NO!

I am in [REDACTED] Class, I will never play with my friends anymore if you shut my school, I will be very sad, because I might not see my friends ever again. I love this school, and I love learning in my school, I don't want to change my school. I like my teacher, [REDACTED]; my teacher is the best in the whole wide world, and I love her. And our headteacher Miss Hopkins is a lovely friend and she shares her hot chocolate with me and all of us. I like my assemblies with Miss Hopkins and [REDACTED] star of the week postcards for learning really well or being good. I love PE. And I really enjoy my yummy pasta school dinners and the pizza & sweetcorn, and my puddings. Stop being a bully and leave my school alone!

I'm happy in my school, there is nowhere else I want to learn. Please don't close Wroxall.

I think Wroxall should not close because the teachers are wonderful, and the learning opportunity is amazing. Wroxall is the best most welcoming school I have ever been to. When you move up in the year, you get amazing things to do. The children under year 6 are amazingly kind and very well mannered, and we have a lot of equipment and a playground area as well. We are all very lucky to have this school. Thank you Wroxall!

I don't want my school to close. I don't want to have a new school. I love my teachers and my friends. I love Wroxall Primary School. I will be sad.

It's a beautiful place and you shouldn't close the school because it's a nice school. As part of your school closure plans, you want us pupils at Wroxall to go to St Francis. You will find that not many children here want to go to St Francis. It is a failing school, has little to no parking for parents, no safe walking route from Wroxall and will be expensive for some families from Wroxall to transport children there. Our school has excellent facilities having only recently had an upgrade. Lots of outside space. Great free car park, good transport links. It is a big part of our village community, which has close links to our community centre, which also helps many people - Food Bank, sports clubs, fundraising events, community library. Our school has extra space even to stay open and to create a SEND specialist unit or even amalgamate other schools on to our school site as we have modern facilities with excellent teachers. Offer a shuttle bus service for vulnerable families from Ventnor who wish to join Wroxall Primary School. Our school, Wroxall Primary, needs to stay open!

A new school will be noisy. When I grow up, I want to work in the Council so I can make sure this doesn't happen to other children.

I don't want Wroxall Primary to close because it is a place filled with many friendships which might be taken away as people go to different schools. I am [REDACTED] there and I don't want all of my teachers to lose their jobs. Also, I have made great connections with all the teachers and closing the school means never seeing them again. Please don't close Wroxall.



I do not agree with the closure of Wroxall Primary School as it is a wonderful school. I have made some wonderful friendships that may wane if we are split up in other schools. Wroxall has a lot of new sports equipment and a lot of nice staff. It would be a shame to close the school as it has recently been renovated which cost a lot of money.

It has a lovely playground to stand on. I really like the nice lessons we have especially like the history lessons. It has a big field to play football on. All the staff are lovely. I have lots of nice memories at this school and I have been at Wroxall Primary since preschool. I am sad that my friend from preschool is moving schools, and now I miss my friend and the least you can do is keep this school open.

I won't be your scapegoat! Leave me and my friends alone. We love our school

I'm so excited because we have new children joining our school! We love Wroxall

Closing our school is a really silly idea. We can work together to make it better and protect it.

We have new kids coming to Wroxall, this is fantastic!

I love my school, and we are making new friends

Get your hands off my school!

It's not your school it's mine and I love it

If you shut down our school, I won't be very happy.

If you shut down our school, I will be so sad, and I don't want to go to another school. I love my school.

You are destroying my education. AGAIN

Hello, I am in year [redacted] of Wroxall Primary. I am a 4th generation Wroxall Primary student with most of my family having stayed and learnt in Wroxall.

I have attended this school from Wroxall Robins, right through to now. I have made the best friends ever, and learnt from the best teachers I think possible!!

I do NOT agree with you closing my school, for the following reasons:

Independence - I walk to and from school every day, this makes me feel grown up and happy, I can also walk to my nannies, so that both of my parents can work to buy me nice things. From walking to school, I have got to know a lot of local people, who look out for me, which is reassuring for my parents.

New school transport - My parents both work, so would lose money taking me to and from a new school. If I catch a bus, this makes me feel very scared because I will have to sit and travel with a stranger!!

Friendships - During my time at Wroxall, I have made SO many new friends, including my best friend (who I walk to and from school with daily) and \*\*\*\*\* who has supported me the most. I am worried that if my school closes, we will be split up, as we live in different towns/villages.

SATS - I am super nervous already about my SATS tests [redacted] and think moving to a new school and trying to make new friends as well as new teachers will make me even more nervous. I don't think I will get as much support as people don't know me and I don't think I will do as well in my SATS as I would at Wroxall.

Teachers - I have had THE BEST teachers at Wroxall primary, who have supported me to being who I am today, especially Miss Avey, my [redacted] teacher for the [redacted] years. If you close my school, the teachers will lose their jobs, leading to them not being able to feed



their families, and pay for their houses.

Support Staff - As well as the amazing teachers we have, we also have fantastic support staff - I especially like our dinner ladies and [REDACTED] my support teacher as well as Laura who everyone loves!

Covid - I have already lost almost two years of learning due to covid and feel I have only just started to get back on track. My teachers have really understood this and have helped me progress lots.

Investment - My school just spent around 2 million pounds on the building some new space as well as an adventure playground which we all love. The new school block is fantastic and is where my classroom is.

Outside Space - We have amazing outdoor space with lots of play areas, including a big field, a gardening area and a really big playground.

Wroxall - Closing the school will lead to less people wanting to live in the village, and all we will have left is a church and a shop left.

PLEASE DONT CLOSE MY SCHOOL!! THE THOUGHT OF LOOSING IT MAKES ME SO SO SAD!!

Thank you for reading my letter.

Please don't close Wroxall school because it's the best school. My [REDACTED] says it's amazing and [REDACTED] never wants to leave. It has really good teachers, and I got greater depth in all my SATs. It was super fun going there and everyone is nice. I don't think it's fair that Wroxall is the one being shut down and none of the academies have been touched. Also, I don't want my [REDACTED] to go to a religious school. My friends that went to St Francis said it was the worst.

Wroxall is the best school because the adventure playground at break is the best and they have loads learning equipment. It will be sad for it to close. I don't want to go to St Francis and be split up from my friends.

I love my school, I am really happy at Wroxall. There is no other school I want to go to.

Leave my school alone

My school is great, I don't want you to close it

You are making me angry and sad. Leave my school alone. I love it at Wroxall!

I hate st Francis! You are not sending [REDACTED] to that horrible school

Are you going to listen to us this time?

Consultations should not be held for the sake of it.

Save our school.

Please don't take my school away. I have cried every day and night as I will lose my friends and my lovely teacher who is the bestest. No other school will be as good, and I won't be able to walk to school anymore. I want to save the planet but you're making me get in a car. Walking is also good for me and my little [REDACTED] and mummy walks the dog. You are very mean.

Please don't close my school



pleeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee keep Wroxall primary open because lots of people love my school and we want to keep it open.

Where are we all supposed to go for our year 5 learning?

I don't have anywhere to go for my year 5 education if my school is closed down?

I am losing my friends from school, thankfully we also have new children starting year 5!

But if our school is closed, we have nowhere else we can all go together for our year 5

Our school is really caring and kind to all children, we would love to help children with SEND needs at Wroxall too. Let's build our school to help more people and so that we can stay and play together

Don't close my school. Please. I love it there and so do my friends

We don't deserve this. Why are you doing this to us?

The school is run by the best staff there could ever be and has a brilliant playground, a large field and a spacious hall.

There is no reason to make all these lovely people lose their job and have a unnecessary move around of pupils( potentially disrupting their learning and causing possible stress).

People will have to find other schools that may be all the way on the other side of the island just to get a education.

It is quite surely a waste of valuable time for no reason when this problem has a resolution in which will most likely make hundreds of people in deep stress or upset.

Please consider this if this is a necessary process. Thank you.

My school is the best. The teachers are the best and my friends are the best. I don't want to stop coming here. It makes me happy. I am shy but my teacher knows me so well. Miss Hopkinson knows my name and says hello at the gates every day.

The playground is great, and our hall is massive. I love my school.

I am in year 5 and I have attended Wroxall Primary School all my life. It is amazing. It has taught me everything. I don't support the closure of Wroxall Primary School. I believe that everyone should attend an amazing school. I want all young children of Wroxall and Ventnor to get an education at Wroxall Primary School. There is an easy way of transport. For cars there is a car park right in front of the gates. For bus, there is a bus stop near the school. Our school also lets people who travel by bus or taxi leave early so they don't miss their bus or taxi. It has just been refurbished and the changes are amazing. I have seen it before renovation and after, and it is brilliant. The changes have really impacted on the look of our school. It is fresh and bright. It is a very inclusive school. Everybody there feels happy and welcome. The staff are incredibly kind, helpful and knowledgeable. They make your lessons fun while still teaching and caring. The pupils there are so sweet and make everyone feel included. Our resources are kept well. Wroxall Primary School is the heart of our village so please keep the school open!



## SECTION 2 – PAPER SURVEYS PICTURES FROM PUPILS

Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I love Brading  
School,  
Please  
Save it!



↑  
happy  
face  
because  
Brading  
School makes  
me happy



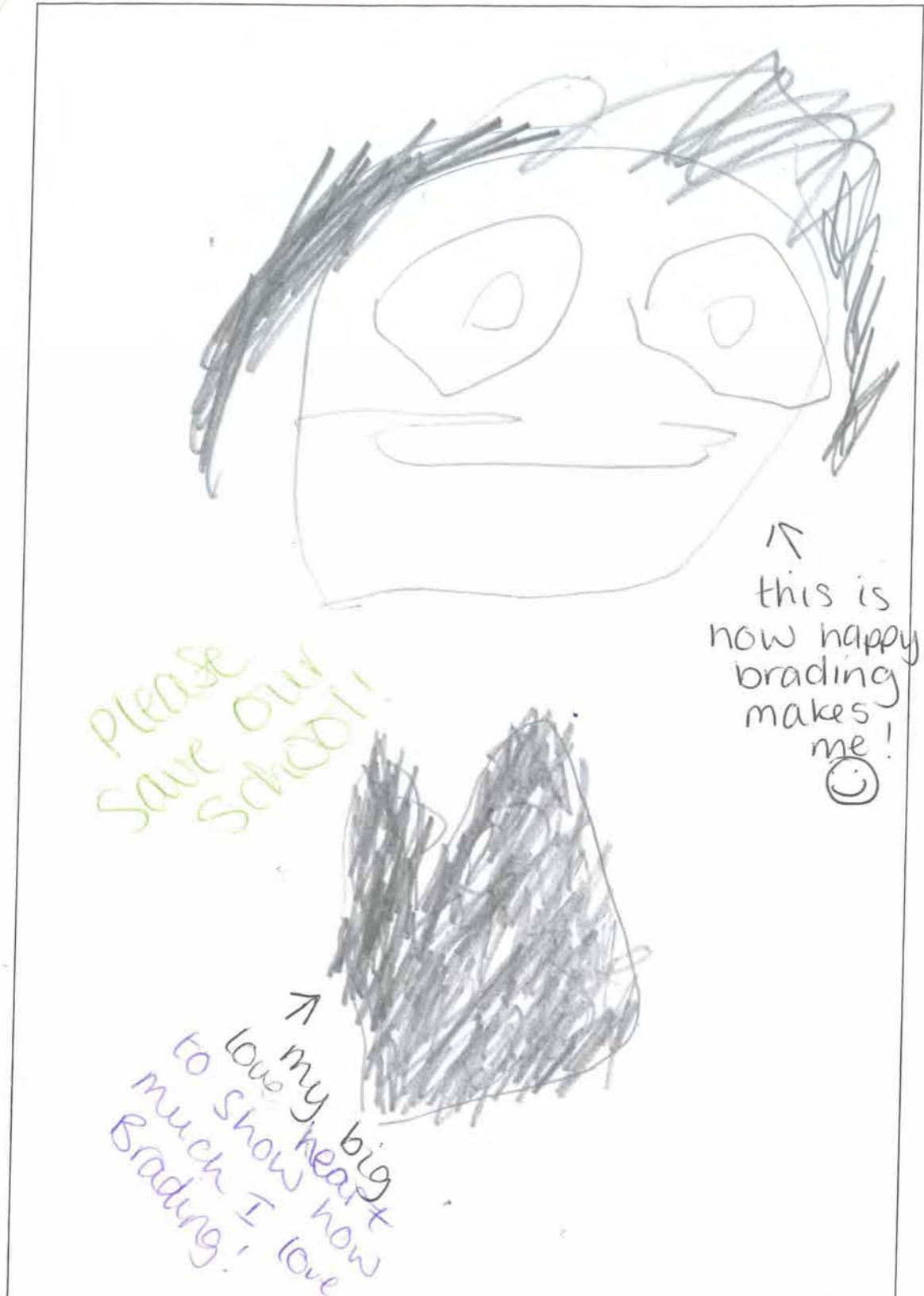
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Being at  
Brading  
Primary makes  
me so  
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Save my  
school,  
PLEASE!



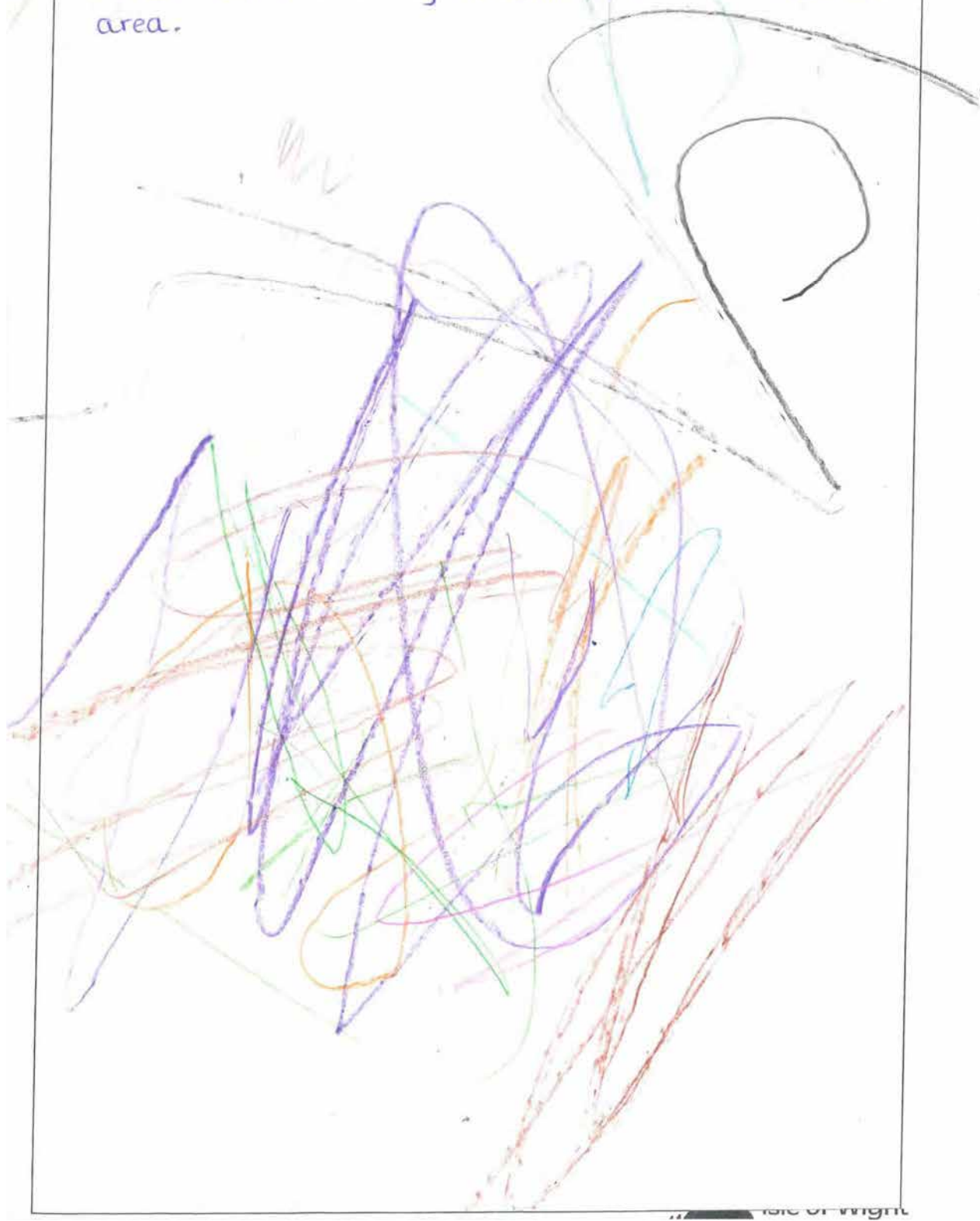
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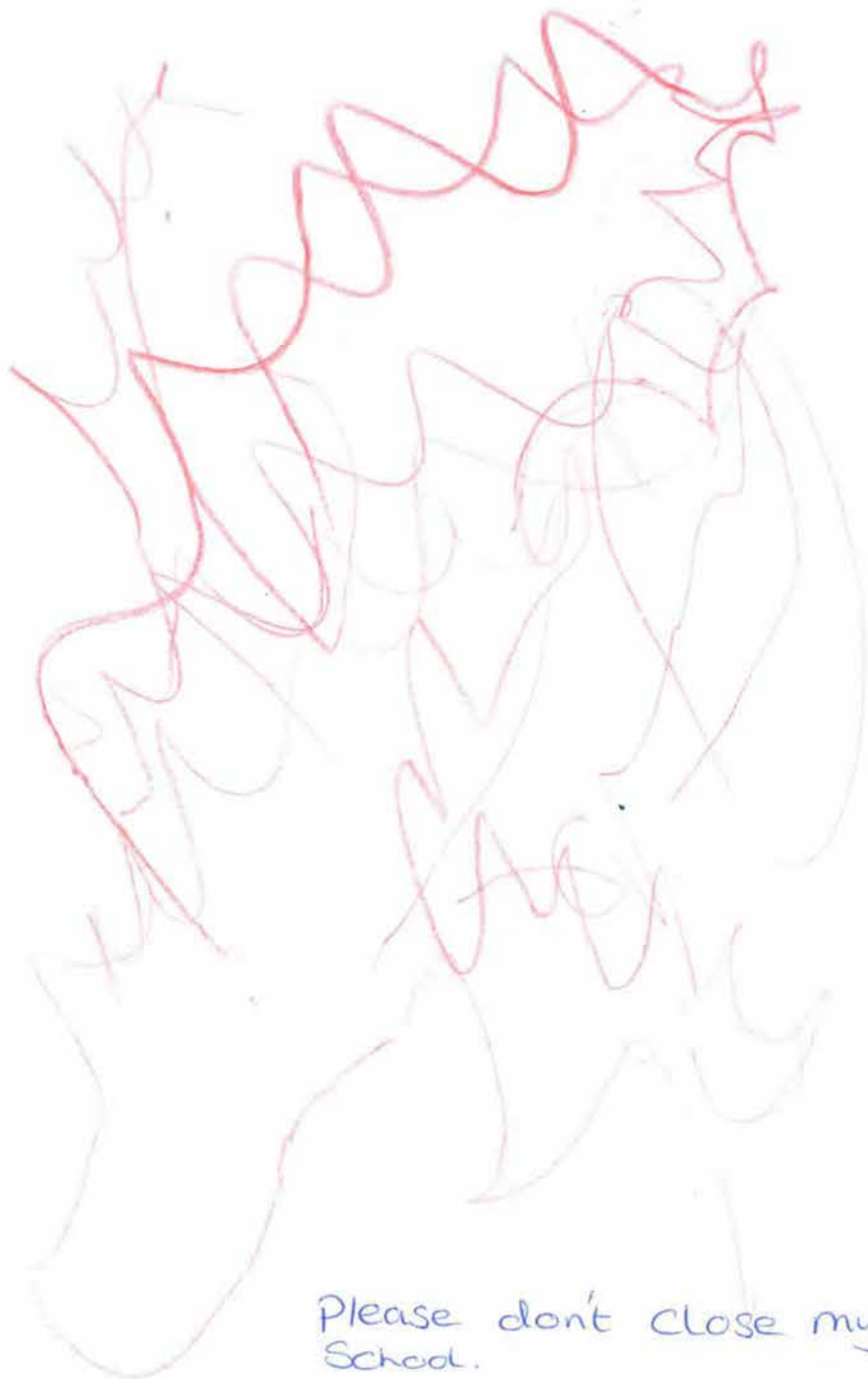
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Please don't close my school. I love the outside  
area.





Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?



Please don't close my  
School.

I love the bikes.

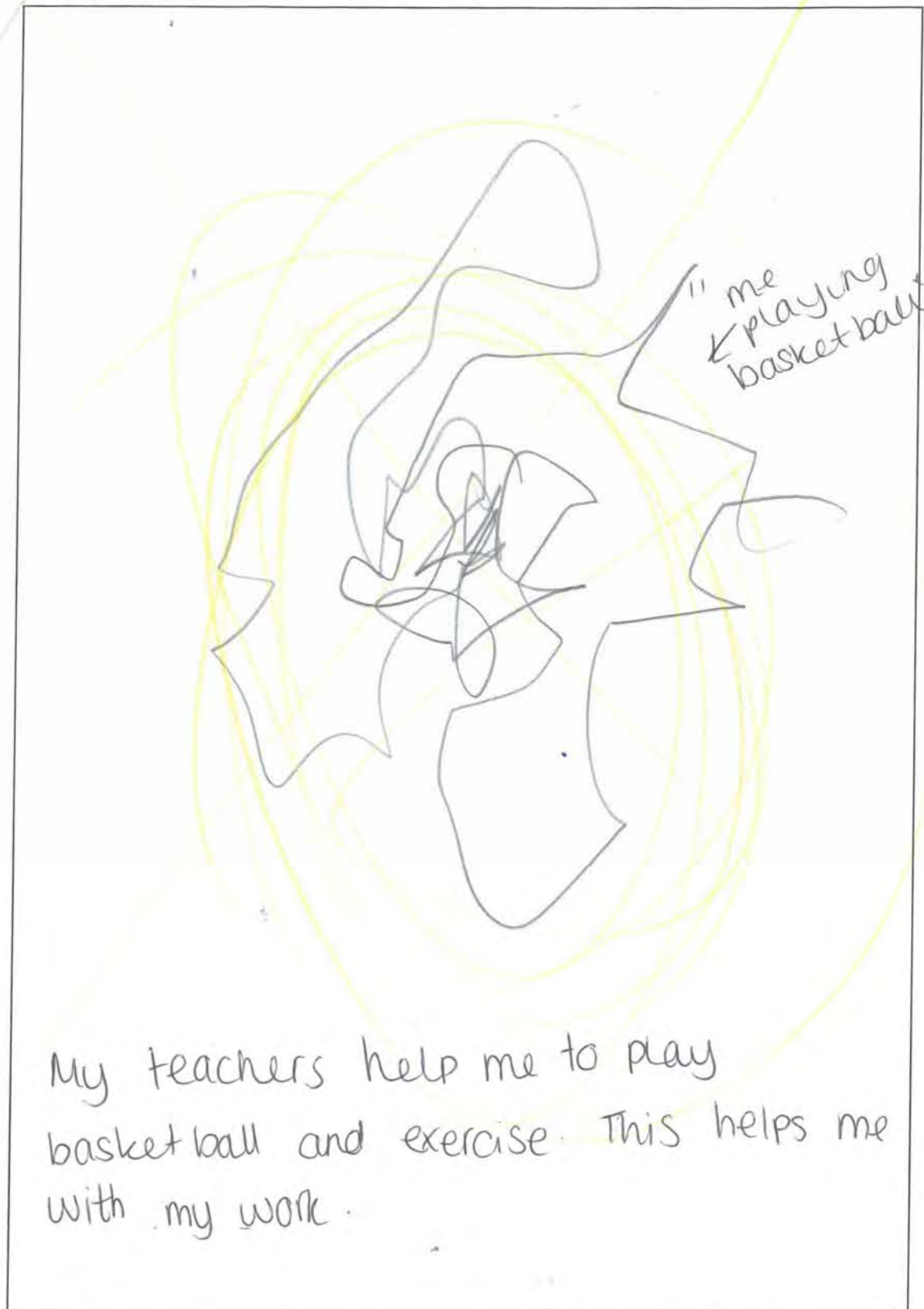


Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?





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My teachers help me to play basketball and exercise. This helps me with my work.



Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I don't think Brading should  
be closed because  
the teachers are nice  
so is everybody.



class

Me in my class.



Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?



← me enjoying learning in the classroom.

I don't think Brading should close because it is nice and kind. There are nice teachers & I have nice friends.



Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I don't think Brading should close down  
 I don't think Brading should be closed down  
 because we won't see our friend and  
 our teachers and Brading is the best school  
 and Brading is the best school  
 I love the school trips and the  
 work. I love the my friends and teachers



I love  
 Brading  
 It is the  
 best




Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I don't think Brading <sup>should</sup> be closed because there was <sup>lovely</sup> teachers and friends.

I don't think Brading should be close because it has <sup>nice</sup> friends.

I LOVE maths <sup>because</sup> it's <sup>fun</sup> and <sup>funny</sup> fun and funny.

I don't think  
I don't think  
Brading to close  
because there is  
best! <sup>don't</sup> <sup>there is</sup> <sup>close</sup>





Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I don't think Brading  
should be closed because

The peppie  
People are really nice.  
all peyning.





Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I don't think Brading should be closed because there is nice people here. The teachers are nice. We get taught good here. It is lovely here. Best. We know it is nice. I like PE and maths and English. I like the school trips, school trips.

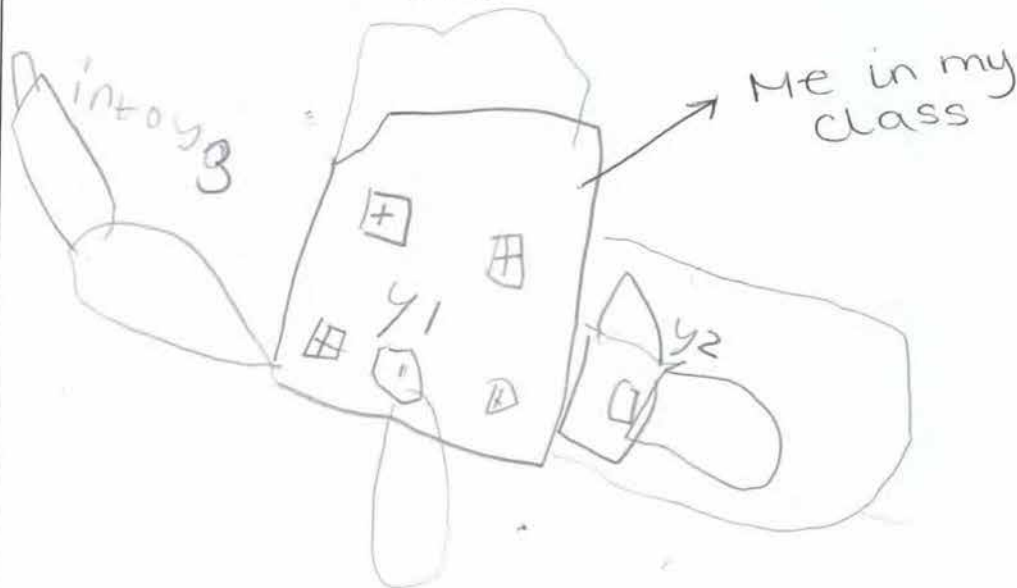


Me at Brading Learning.



Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I don't think brading should be closed  
I don't think Brading should be closed  
because new people might come.  
Please don't close I love it so much.  
I Love my class it is lovely.  
I Love my class it is lovely.  
and very kind teachers  
and very kind teachers  
don't shut. I love English phonics  
don't shut. I love Art  
English phonics Art  
Please don't shut.  
Please don't shut.  
Maths and maths and





Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

[REDACTED] told me that school makes him happy and he likes school.

Rogan



School makes me  
happy

I asked [REDACTED] how he would feel for Brading to close and he pulled a sad face.



Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for  
the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I love  
Learning +  
having fun  
at Brading



Please don't close  
my School ♡



Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I think that Brading CE Primary school should not close because... I will be separated from all my friends... There is also a lot of other reasons including... I won't be able to go to Brading school. I will be heartbroken! Many people who have been here for a long time will be heart broken as well! I & the other schools are really expensive then people won't be able to afford it! I & you save Brading school people will be happy again! I will be really sad and upset. Don't you even think about closing the school! I beg you. Please **SAVE THIS SCHOOL!** I'll mention this **I LOVE LEARNING!** I'll also miss all the teachers. **PLEASE DONT CLOSE THE SCHOOL!**





Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I think Brading should stay open because everyone loves it here and there friends here are going to feel really upset. Because if you make brading people can't approach the infant and school. Also some students only just started here at brading primary school.



BRADING

C of E Controlled

Primary School

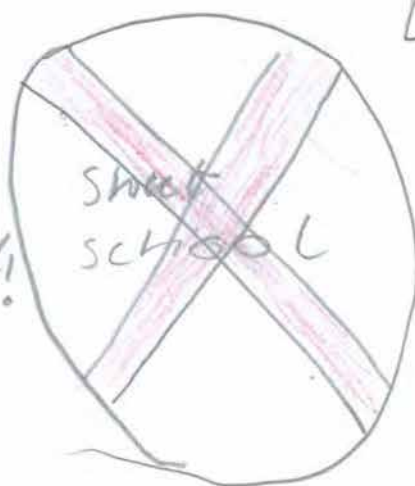


Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I think the school should not close down because if we go to a different school we won't see our friends anymore. Plus it will be harder for families that live in brading. You stopped good stuff so why close brading. There might also be bullies at our new school.



IT'S  
a  
good  
school!

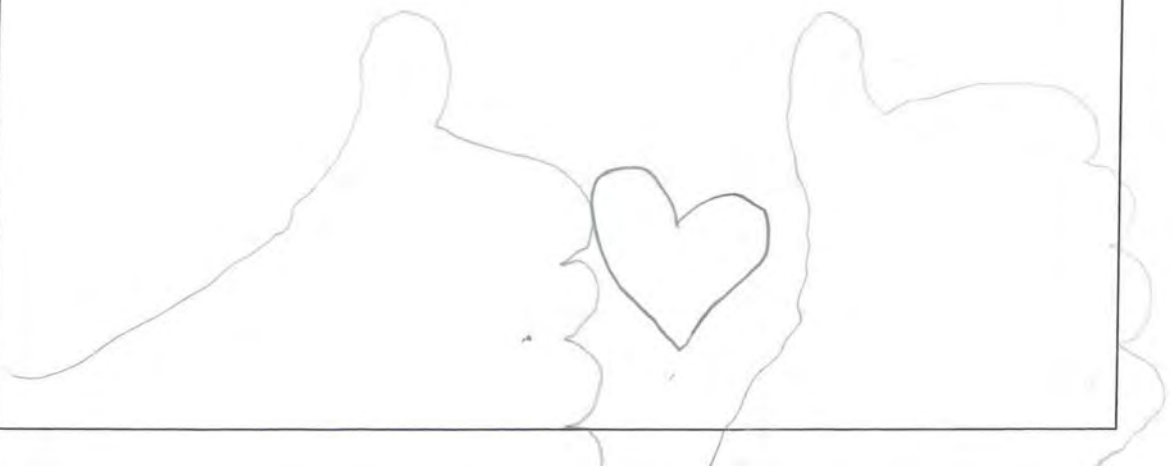


DON'T  
SHUT  
THE  
SCHOOL!



Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I would be sad if the school was closing because people that have just joined will have to leave and I mostly wouldn't want to leave because I love working and I love the staff and that you stopped god will can't you stop schools like brading CE primary school I just don't want to closing because if schools are closing and I want to stay it's fine



Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

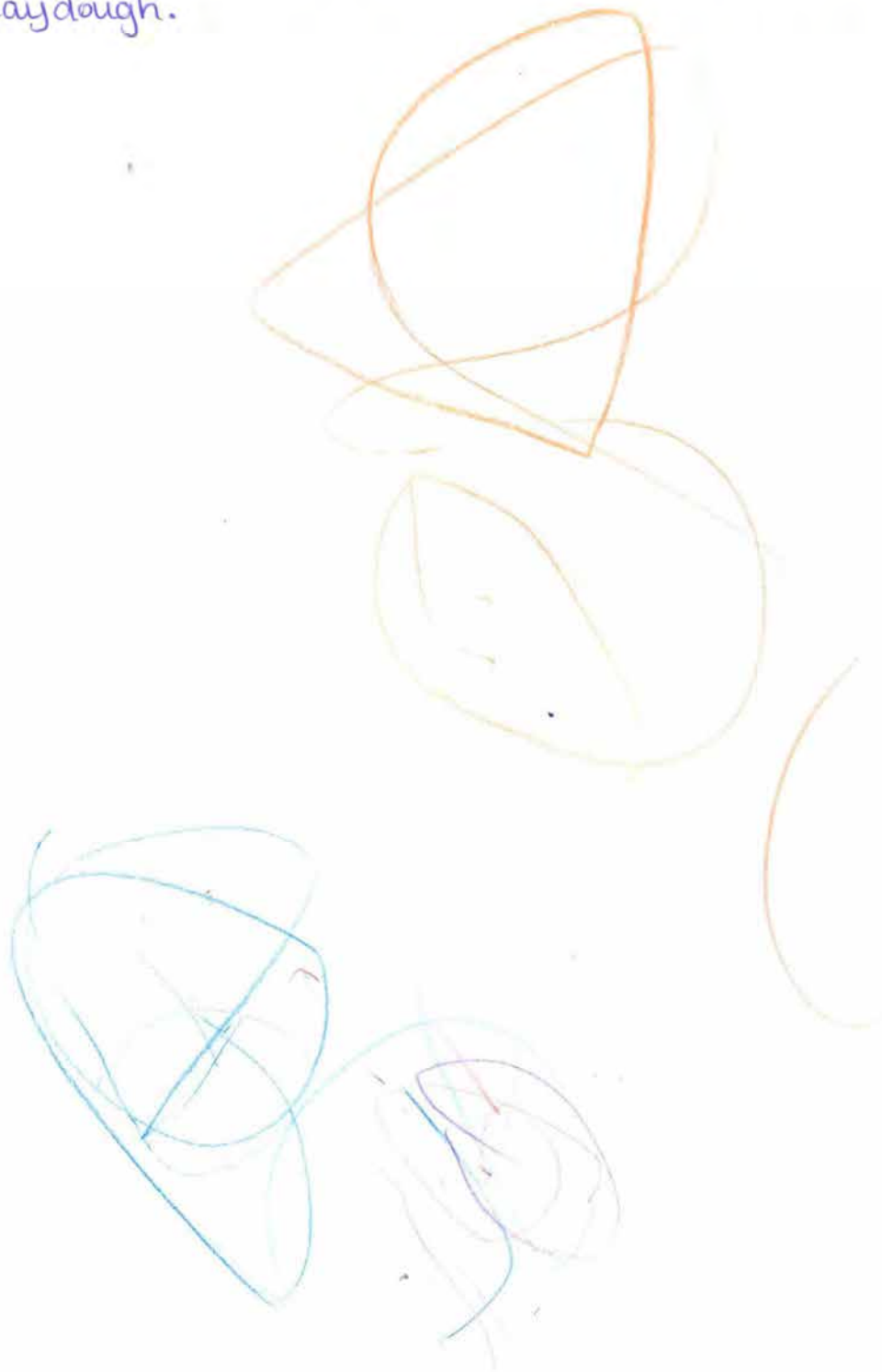
- are friends we will miss there.
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- all staff
- Some students Have only just started.
- and also new staff has just started as well as school students.
- ~~the the~~ there will not be any ~~sets~~ Schools for all children.
- Brading is a School we all love brading school it is the best.
- We love the brayling ~~we~~ school because we already are happy.





Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?

I love my school. I love the sand play and the Playdough.



Do you have any comments relating to the statutory proposal for the closure of Brading Church of England (CE) Primary School?



I Love School.  
I like the Swing.

St. Andrew



### SECTION 3 – PHOTOS IN THE MEDIA







Protesters show solidarity against school closures Parents and schoolchildren were out in force in St Thomas' Square, Newport, on Saturday, in a last- ditch protest rally against the closures.

**Peter Shreeve, assistant district secretary of the National Education Union** and Mark Dickinson, junior vice-president of the teachers' union, the NASUWT, were among those who spoke at the event. Hundreds of people attended and there was even a surprise visit from Santa, who turned up on a motorbike to add his support.

Young children stepped up to the microphone to talk about losing their friends, uncertainty about the future, and how they would cope, with one child asking: "Why are they doing this? Don't they like us?"



Theo Davey (10) speaking about the closure of Oakfield school

Mr Dickenson said: "Children need primary schools where they live." He reminded everyone that closures are a political decision, saying if politicians really wanted to, the money could be found "to keep these schools open".

Mr Shreeve encouraged the crowd to join in a song 'Here we go round the Isle of Wight', touching on closure concerns and reminded everyone that all primary pupils have known education cuts in almost every year of their young lives, saying: "It's time for change!"





County Press, 25/01/25



BBC News, 25/01/25





County Press, 25/01/25



County Press, 25/01/25



**Please don't take my school away begs Isle of Wight girl, 9**



County Press, 25/01/25, Protest in Newport



Isle Echo, 26/01/25

# APPENDIX 1

## Pupil Voice – School closures – IOW

January 2025

### Report to be included in Consultation to Cabinet

As part of the consultation process and feedback to cabinet, some of the pupils of the schools identified for proposed closure were given the opportunity to voice their thoughts and opinions. This is in line with their Right under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Article 12:

‘Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.’

[UNCRC summary-1 1.pdf](#)

The process of collecting the feedback from the pupils comprised a two-hour visit to each of the 5 schools by Minnie Moore, Hampshire Local Authority Officer (Rights Diversity and Social Justice Education Adviser) who has been involved in promoting Rights Respecting Education in Hampshire and on the IOW since 2002 and has provided training and advice for schools on participation and pupil voice as part of this work for many years. Minnie was accompanied on the school visits by IOW Local Authority officer, Theresa Wall.

A letter was sent to schools outlining the rationale for the Pupil Voice visits and seeking permission from parent/carers for their child to participate. Schools were asked to select two groups of between 6-8 pupils (Yrs 4-6) from a range of backgrounds to participate in the discussions. The questions which formed the basis for the discussions were agreed beforehand with the Headteachers (see below). The questions were designed to elicit responses which will help to inform decisions around the future of the schools and support for any potential transitions of pupils.

At each of the discussion groups there was a member of school staff present to ensure that the pupils felt safe and supported. The sessions began with a warmup activity for the pupils, again to help them feel more relaxed and comfortable. Each pupil was asked to confirm that they were happy to participate in the discussions and the questions were formatted to be as accessible as possible. It was clearly explained to the children why they were being asked for their opinions and how the information was going to be included as part of a consultation report being submitted to Cabinet. The pupils were thanked for their contributions and informed that following the report to Cabinet they would receive feedback on the decisions made and why.

Questions for consideration:

1. What do you really enjoy about your school? – think about the building / the grounds / the location / the staff / the pupils / the lessons / the trips /the opportunities / the atmosphere / the food / the books / the afterschool activities
2. What would you like adults to know about your school? – why is this school important, what does it mean to me and my family, what does this school do for the community?



3. Is there anything else you would like your school to offer? – are there things that you would like to do to improve your school/? What could be better at this school? What do you know about other schools on the Island? Do you have friends that go to other schools?
4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?

The summary of the feedback below seeks to represent a full and accurate account of the views, thoughts and opinions of the pupils (in their own words) who participated in the focus group sessions.

## **Arreton St George's C Of E Primary School 28/01/2025**

### **Session one - Yr 6 – 8 pupils**

#### **Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- We really enjoyed the trips to Legoland, Robin hill, Blackgang Chine and Amazon world. We are looking forward to going to PGL
- The school trips are really good especially to the pantomime at the King's theatre in Southsea
- We have great fun on the field when the weather allows / we have pretty cool playground equipment / at play times and lunch times there is always something to do
- PE lessons are fun with lots of different sports offered
- There are lots of after school activities to choose from
- The building is small, but this makes it easy to get around
- Year 6 having their own building which is good for them
- We have lots of great books in the library and lots of different spaces for books
- The dinners at lunchtime are very good with lots of choices
- The teachers and support staff are really helpful
- The support assistants help us with our family life
- The SEN support and ELSA support is very good
- The atmosphere in school is very happy and jolly, all the staff are really nice and help children with their problems

#### **Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- School is important because I really like it, and it offers me lots of opportunities
- I worry a lot, and the staff here helped me a lot
- This is a welcoming school like a family
- This school serves the people living in Arreton and it is good having a local school
- Arreton suits my needs, I knew that this was my place, my older brother did very well here
- If the school closes it will be really hard for my sister so she may have to go to Hunnyhill or be homeschooled
- The uncertainty around change is causing anxiety for my younger siblings

- If the school closes my younger sister won't cope with the changes
- My family have always come to Arreton school going back 4 generations
- My parents went to this school
- If I went to another school my parents would have to pick me up and this would affect their work
- The school is important to my family because as there are not so many pupils
- The mixed classes are good for the younger ones as it helps them

**Q3. Is there anything else you would like your school to offer/ improve?**

- There is not much I would like to change except to have the pirate ship back in the playground
- I would like more permanent equipment on the playground
- The building needs repair in some places
- The hall at lunchtime is chaotic loud and messy
- I would like more clubs after school but there are not enough staff to offer this
- I don't think anything needs to be improved
- More things to play with at break time

**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"Don't shut the school down, it's not my favourite school but we need a school"*

*"The school closure is affecting my family [REDACTED] is losing her job"*

*"The impact on the families in Arreton"*

*"Children are crying themselves to sleep and having nightmares"*

*"Children are wetting the bed and having anxiety"*

*"Children are alone at break times because their friends have left"*

*"Teachers will lose their jobs"*

**Session 2 – Yrs 3/4/5 – 8 pupils**

**Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- Trips at school help me learn about different places
- Learning is always fun
- Break times are very fun; you can run about, get fresh air and play with your friends
- I like the building it is the right environment for me as I have problems with my [REDACTED] and as there are no stairs in this school it is easier for me to get around
- The classrooms are spacious
- It is nice to be in the countryside with not too many buildings around us
- School is just amazing, it's more like an orchard for us to thrive and grow to our full potential
- I like the after-school clubs especially Isle dance



- The pupils are helpful and friendly
- There are lots of opportunities for us with visitors like authors and school trips
- We get lots of assistance from our support staff
- Teachers are always there to help you
- Teachers are very nice and can be funny
- I like the teachers especially the dad jokes
- If you are feeling sad, teachers will support you

**Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- I have family ties to the school
- I live in Arreton so I can walk home
- All my friends are at school, and it is part of the community
- We have a family tradition of coming to this school
- We can walk or cycle to the school which is much better
- The school is a source of knowledge
- The rooms in the school are well used
- All my friends are at school, and it is part of the community
- The governors and Reverend Cath visit and we are involved with the local church community, we have Christmas and Easter services at the church
- We support charities in the local community and raise money for the food bank

**Q3. Is there anything else you would like your school to offer?**

- No, this is basically a perfect school
- I think we could improve the storage
- We could use the empty classrooms a bit more
- I have friends at other schools and lots of different friends are outside clubs
- This is already a good school
- I have other friends at different schools
- Maybe we could have some more equipment
- Some schools let you have your phone at break time
- I don't think there is anything else to improve or offer
- some of my friends at other schools say they are really enjoying it and it's a good school
- In my opinion, it's the best school ever!
- I don't think they should change it because it's a really good school

**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"I don't understand why they are trying to close us; we have a good number of pupils and good money."*

*"I have been trying to catch up at this school so I feel scared it might be my fault."*

## **Cowes Primary School Pupil Voice 28/01/2025**

### **Session 1 Yr 5-6 – 6 pupils**

#### **Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- Different opportunities, for example, the Horticultural show, the International Day, the Christmas fair, the discos, the summer fair, the Young Enterprise opportunities and being able to deliver a Japanese lesson
- Lunch times are already good: we have Mother's Day, Father's Day and Grandparents' lunches
- All our food is locally sourced
- We have a new adventure playground which is used by all year groups
- We have lots of nationalities at this school, so we celebrate diversity
- We have lots of after school activities- we are the only school that does Quest
- The teachers also do lots of activities after school which include dance, art, gardening, cooking club and a range of sports
- The atmosphere is amazing
- The kitchen offers dairy free vegan and vegetarian food which is especially prepared by kitchen staff for different dietary requirements and allergies
- We have a breakfast club and then after school club
- We do great trips to the British Museum and the Imperial War Museum which supports our learning
- We have a great library with loads of books
- There is loads of support for neurodiversity and extra help if you are struggling
- I have grown up in the school, the teachers are really nice, and we go on amazing trips
- There are lots of different games to play on the playground plus we have our games leaders to help support us
- Most of my friends are here

#### **Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- Teachers are kind
- People have grown up here
- There are lots of helpers that do reading and are volunteers from the local community
- I have been in the school since I was little and so have my brothers and other family members
- Every class has helpers
- All the teachers will help you
- This is my first and only school/I feel a sense of belonging here/my family know I am safe
- Health and safety are important here
- We have special days where we involve the community in school like the museum project and International Day
- The preschool come in and use the hall and the library
- There are opportunities for younger children to take part in things that interest them and come in and visit the school
- Me and my siblings have grown up here
- I love this place it's amazing



- We have lots of extra support to get ready for SATs
- There are lots of opportunities to help each other in class
- My cousins, mum and uncles have been to this school
- If the school closes it might ruin friendships
- We have funded a Paulton's park trip by raising money at the school disco

**Q3. Is there anything else you would like your school to offer?**

- A bigger hall so we can do more PE and other activities so we can have lunch times altogether
- I know that they have a big field at Gurnard plus a good rating from Ofsted
- I know that Lanesend have a Requires Improvement and Northwood are Ofsted good because I have seen the poster
- I love this school it's amazing
- What could be better is the amount of students
- When the first potential closure was announced this didn't help applications into reception which impacted on numbers, there are only 10 pupils in Year R
- We have lost children from year 3 and year 4 - lots of my friends have left- then the decision was changed so I felt cross that it was for nothing
- One of our teachers left and they couldn't re employ another one so numbers were low so the classes were merged- I think this is the reason why we are now up for closure again
- We still have pupils that are leaving this school
- Gurnard is different from our school; they have a different set up for their lessons and bigger numbers
- This school is perfect all the teachers are kind the only thing that can be improved is the numbers

**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"I want to know why so many schools have to be closed?"*

*"If I have to move schools, it might be good to see friends if they remember me"*

*"It will be strange to be at a new school"*

*"Do local schools have space to take more children?"*

**Session 2 - Yr4/5 – 7 pupils**

**Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- The food is really good and because there is special food that caters for allergies, people don't feel left out
- The food is cooked fresh and there are lots of options
- Everyone is kind and you never get left out the teachers are always there to help you
- At break time we have play leaders and we can talk to the teachers: there are lots of noncompetitive activities at break time

- The school gives help to all peoples with extension activities and the learning is adapted for all pupils who need help catching up
- There are lots of opportunities to join in and the school trips are amazing
- Because we are a smaller school it means we have more choices and chances to get involved, for example everyone is able to take part in class assemblies
- The staff are really kind to everyone and make sure no one is left out or made fun of
- Because we have less people in the building there is more space
- We have special music teachers that come in which we love
- There is always someone around to help you
- The food is very tasty and there are very good puddings
- The staff and pupils are very friendly
- School trips don't feel like work, just exploring and safety is always a priority
- Guided reading books are really good with very good choices by teachers
- The teachers give different learning for different levels and make it fun
- The clubs after school are very good now
- We have a new adventure playground
- P.E. is amazing with lots of choices and opportunities

## **Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- It is important to me and my family because it is close to where I live
- The great things the school offers for families and the local produce
- The Isle of Wight produce that is used in the school is important for local growers
- I wouldn't have friends if it wasn't for this school
- The horticultural show is great for parents and the community
- We raise money for local charities
- The school is part of our family tradition
- There are opportunities on International Day for parents to participate and present their cultures
- School is important to me as it's the first school I have ever been to and it's nice
- The one class system means that you are with your friends all the time and have the same break times
- I love the school because the dinner ladies are very good at cooking
- Small humble school with the most amazing teachers is why you shouldn't shut school

## **Q3. Is there anything else you would like the school to offer/ improve?**

- Because the council said the school might be closing loads of my friends left in year 2 and then in year 3 my teacher left, and we were mixed with the year fours. I think that has affected my learning
- I don't like having two teachers because then there are different ways of doing things
- School is amazing-other schools are bigger, and I would have to walk further to another school- there may be parking issues or transport issues
- I do not want to have to walk in on my own on the first day at a new school
- My family do not have a car anymore so this is the only place I can walk to
- If we have lots of different teachers for different lessons, we won't have connections in the same way



**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"I need more information about what is happening and how it will happen"*

*"The teachers at a different school would need to know about us, we would need a transition day to get to know them"*

*"What about the cost of a new school uniform just for one year!"*

*"What will happen if they have to make classes? Where will we go? Can they promise anything?"*

## **Oakfield C Of E Primary School Pupil Voice 30/01/2025**

### **Session 1 - Yrs 4/5 – 10 pupils**

**Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- We have a nice building with lots of room, sunshine and trees
- We are close to the ocean with a nice view
- We have lots of room to play and have fun
- The trips are fun; you can go with your friends to places like Exploria and Carisbrooke
- There is loads of stuff to play on in the grounds here
- The staff are really nice, and they help us out a lot and they are very kind
- The grounds are so beautiful, and you get lots of wildlife like squirrels and foxes
- It is like being in the countryside, we have our own forest with trees everywhere
- The atmosphere is lovely here, we can see the ocean and Portsmouth
- We have a church by our school
- The food is very good, especially the BBQ chicken
- We have bagels in the morning and fruit and vegetables
- We have a fruit stand at break time
- The staff are really helpful
- The books are really fun to read
- We have really cool equipment to play on and there are lots of flowers in the grounds
- We really like the after-school clubs because there are loads of them
- I really like the drama club
- The trips are really fun; we went to Carisbrooke after school to do singing
- We went to the Isle of Wight County show
- The staff are really nice and whenever we need help, they come and help us
- The books like the diary of a wimpy kid are really good
- The food is really good at lunchtime but sometimes the hall is loud
- There are lots of my favourite books and books that I haven't read; they're really fun to read
- The equipment in the hall for P.E. is good

**Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- If the school closes, I can get a bus and sit next to my sister

- If the school closes, I will have to go to the other side of town for school
- I think the school is important for the community because we support Messy church which is across the road
- It's important for my family so they can get some peace from us
- It's important to me because I started the school when I was in Reception
- The school is important because they really help people in need
- Sometimes they talk to our parents after school
- They help when somebody leaves the school to support the friends that are left behind
- The school is important because I live nearby, and we have a lot of 'mufti' days
- I think it's important to me and my family because [REDACTED] works at this school plus it's important to my friends because my friend [REDACTED], and the teacher comes in every hour to check [REDACTED]
- It's important to me because I have been here for five years, and it means a lot to me
- It's the only place I can go as it's the only place near to me
- It's important to my family because my house is very close, and I can walk but if I had to move, I would have to take the car

**Q3. Is there anything else you would like the school to offer/ improve?**

- I would like the school to offer more break time
- I think the school is good and doesn't need any changes
- At Saint Mary's you can learn French
- I have friends that go to Newchurch and Greenmount
- I don't think they need to improve but maybe the maintenance mainly the electricity
- Greenmount is my old school which doesn't have an upstairs so there are no stairs in the building; that school is not right for me
- I think the school is perfect apart from all the blue tack on the walls
- I have friends at Greenmount and St. Mary's
- I would like bigger portions of ice cream
- I want people to wear what they want to school
- Three of my friends go to Greenmount and my cousin [REDACTED] and my next-door neighbours
- Other years could bring their phones in and you could wear your own clothes in
- More choice at lunch times for food
- St. Georges has a big playground and a big climbing frame... my [REDACTED] goes there, and [REDACTED] has autism

**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"Don't close the school it's a stupid idea!"*

*"The school is like a big caring family"*

**Session 2 – Yr 6 – 8 pupils**

**Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- We really like the trips and the after-school clubs like design and tech and drama



- The support and assistance from the staff is really good-when some people are sad there is always someone to help them
- The staff are really caring for us and they're always there for us
- I have had a tough past because I wasn't looked after properly but the school have been by my side for years and I'm really grateful for that.
- There are lots of nice trees here and we can go to forest club where we learn about the trees by looking at the leaves and their age plus we go mushroom hunting
- I really like the break times and the play equipment; there are so many different things to play on including being allowed to climb some of the trees
- The adults in the school always make sure we are safe
- The trips are also really fun and after school clubs are good like the football club and beekeeping-drama club is really fun we are doing Macbeth
- The food is really nice especially the chocolate cookies and the roast potatoes
- I have autism and I feel that the school has really helped me with my learning, and they have helped me to understand it
- We have a really big library and pupil librarians who get to help out with the library which is really fun
- I have been here for eight years and cannot imagine myself anywhere else
- I have younger siblings that are here
- The teachers are kind caring considerate and always there to help us
- The kids are really nice too you are never alone in our school
- I like the after-school clubs; right now, I am at hockey club, and we have played our first game
- The books are amazing and there is a wide range of them
- The location of the school and its history is fascinating; we go on trips to the basement and look at the old artefacts. Mr C found a skeleton down there who is the hide and seek champion of 1582 (they never found him!)
- The teachers support us with learning a lot
- The grounds are really big, and we have massive playgrounds a big field and a forest
- We have Spanish lessons

## **Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- Lots of the children here have already moved from other schools-the school has really helped with the change
- School has helped me to settle in as I have travelled around the country a lot
- This school is very accessible, I am disabled and sometimes find it hard to move and I can't go running [REDACTED]. It is easier for me to get around here so [REDACTED] I can use the lifts here.
- The school means a lot to my family
- We have had a stressful time moving and we came to this school, and I made lots of friends and even when old friends go there's always a new friend appearing
- The food comes from the Pantry which is on site
- school is an important place to see my friends as it is one of the only places I can see my friends
- My house is really close to the school so we can walk
- My learning is improving every day at this school we get to have breaks, but we also learn lots
- I really like the teaching methods and if you are struggling the adults will help you straight away

- If this school were to close people who live here and don't have any transport would have a 45-minute walk to the nearest school
- If this school were to close because my mum works here, we would probably lose our home

### **Q3. Is there anything else you would like the school to offer/ improve?**

- I don't think there is anything else the school could offer, it's perfect and doesn't deserve to close
- There isn't anything else that could be better-it's very good at helping people's mental health which some other schools don't even bother with, they are just there for work
- The school cares about how comfortable the children are here, and some schools can't do that as well as this school
- Everything in this school is perfect but I would like to add one thing, we learn every single subject but the only one we don't learn is dancing. I would really like to do some form of dancing
- I know about Greenmount they have breakfast club and after school club; we have played football matches there
- I'm sad about the other schools that might close but I'm happy for the kids at the schools who aren't going to close
- I know kids who go to Dover Park
- When I moved from my other school, I still remember friends that are still there
- I have been in the school since I was five years old, and I feel the school has done everything right and I never want to leave because it is such an amazing school
- I love the forest there are activities you can do, or you can just play it gives you extra play time

### **Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"My little sister has made lots of friends here and she's only in year ■ and if this school closes, she will have to walk 45 minutes to Greenmount and buy new uniform and she won't have the year ■ experience I have had she will have a different one"*

*"I've been at the school for ■ academic years and ■ years since preschool and my brother is going to this school and we all know everyone here and we don't want it to close.... It doesn't seem fair."*

*"If you are reading this, please don't close our school"*

*"This school and staff have practically treated me like a son. The school has helped me through really tough times when there really wasn't anybody else to help me."*

## **Wroxall Primary school Pupil Voice 31/01/2025**

### **Session 1 Yr 4/5 – 8 pupils**

#### **Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**



- We enjoy the opportunities to learn new things and make new friends and get extra break time
- We enjoy the trips because we get to experience things we have never done because maybe our parents aren't able to afford it
- We like the after-school activities because we can learn more things than we do in school
- We like the adventure playground
- We like the sleepover trips
- Everyone is really nice, and the staff are really good
- There is loads of equipment and lots of activities to do
- The staff are really kind
- We like the big playground and the adventure playground
- The playground is really big, and we have a field so the boys can play football
- We can always have assistance if we struggle
- In year 4 we get to go swimming and have a big sleepover at Urban Saints
- People are trying to keep the school open
- The staff are really kind and helpful
- The lunches are really nice
- If there is a fight the teachers will sort it out and the kids will become friends again
- There was a new girl joining on Monday

**Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- Whoever lives down the hill doesn't have to worry about getting cars or buses to school
- My family is happy that the school is very kind and caring and they like the aesthetic of the school.... after the rain you can hear birds tweeting
- It's important because we like walking up to the school together
- We like the teachers, and we like to play football together
- It's a really good community here
- We like to play with our friends and meet new people
- If Wroxall does close it will be a long drive to the nearest preschool
- If the school shuts down, it is the main part of Wroxall and it will affect the community
- This school is important to my family and me because even though it is small the teachers treat us all like we are special
- If the school closes and we went to Saint Francis, we wouldn't get treated the same
- My family really like the teachers because they know us well
- I get to walk home from school with my friends and I can walk on my own to my nan's
- If the school is closed, I will get separated from my friends

**Q3. Is there anything else you would like the school to offer/ improve?**

- Make lunchtimes a bit quieter: we get a headache as there is too much screaming and shouting in the hall- maybe put something on the projector to watch or do exercises before lunch so they are tired out
- The toilet cubicles could be wider they feel claustrophobic
- We would like more privacy for the toilets as there are gaps underneath the toilet doors
- We need changing rooms for the football club and matches
- We would like some swings, but we recognise that could cause problems

- I would like a zip line
- We would like more time for lunch, so we don't have to rush and have more time to spend with our friends
- Make the Adventure playground bigger with some monkey bars
- More activities and equipment at break time
- A whole class reward on a Friday if everybody is good
- Have a swing set but teachers on duty, making sure that everyone takes their turn
- Extend the school so there is a room for pupils with special needs and mental health problems and have a school nurse

**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"I think that if they close Wroxall there won't be enough spaces in other schools so people will be forced to homeschool"*

*"Could we merge Godshill and Wroxall together because that would increase the number of pupils in Wroxall and that would give us an opportunity to meet more friends?"*

*"For the year fives we only have one more year so where are we going to go?"*

*"My mum told me about another school that has only 10 in each class, but we have 30?"*

*"My mum said that there are fewer spaces for older year groups"*

*"Our school has just spent loads of money on the adventure playground and new classrooms for Years 5 and 6"*

**Session 2 Yr 5/6 – 9 pupils**

**Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- The building is perfect for the amount of children and they make sure it is very safe
- The grounds are really pretty they picked the perfect place to build a school
- The staff are supportive and generous and buy things for the benefit of the pupils the good thing about a small school is that you can get to know everybody and have friends
- The after-school activities help you learn and are really fun
- The support assistants are really helpful for the SEND kids
- There are lots of opportunities like house captains that also help us
- The equipment is also always good quality, the teachers choose the best stuff for our classrooms and get the perfect selection of books and toys; they also provide fidget toys for children that can't sit still
- The building is very nice, modern, large and comfy-it has lots of natural light
- The grounds are very nice, we are lucky to have a big field and a nice adventure playground
- The staff are very nice, kind and considerate and help us learn and listen to us.
- We are all friends here and if we were split up those friendships may wane
- The food is quite nice and there is a lot of effort put into it
- The trips are good, and we learn on them
- There are lots of after school activities to choose from to suit everyone



- There are lots of people to support you if you are having a rough time
- The atmosphere in the school is joyful with lots of opportunities
- All of the staff are very friendly, and I really like coming to school
- The food is a balanced diet with vegetables and nice puddings
- The pupils are all of our friends and if we were split up we would miss each other a lot
- The trips are really fun we have a year for residential and the year 6 go to London
- We get treats if we have been good
- We are happy and healthy and learning in school
- The adventure playground is really fun, and the field has goal posts
- The after-school clubs are educational as we are still learning
- The building is very well put together in a beautiful area
- The kids are really thriving with the right teachers for the right classes
- The school is very well organised with safety, and we know what to do

## **Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- It's crucial to know how to organise this school well
- If the school were to close the traffic would be very bad near Saint Francis
- We have the right people in this school to support the learning of our SEND pupils
- Our school has many first aid trained staff
- We are going to learn how to do CPR and we can teach other people
- Adults should know that we are learning and happy in the school and there is hardly any bullying: this is a friendly school
- If the school closes it would be bad as [REDACTED] would lose her job and so would the other adults, it may be hard to find another job
- The traffic going to Saint Francis is very bad, and it is dangerous to cross the roads at school time
- Our school is really safe and very welcoming for new pupils
- There is always a teacher that is there for you
- It would make me very sad that my little brother could not come to this school
- School is very important as I can walk to school and I'm close to school and a long distance from other schools
- The school is important to the community as children thrive here
- It would be devastating for us if we had to be split up
- Studies have shown that sadness goes up when people are separated from their friends
- It is easy to get to Wroxall from other nearby towns and villages
- It will be really sad if younger siblings can't go to this school
- Everyone loves seeing the children walking home through the village

## **Q3. Is there anything else you would like the school to offer/ improve?**

- Not much actually, maybe repaint the walls?
- This school is really perfect
- If another school is being closed it should be joined with Wroxall
- I know that other schools are being closed
- I would like a class pet
- More playground equipment
- Swings on the field

- Not much but maybe better footballs
- More storage space for bags and coats

**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*“What would you think about the school closing and why?”*

*“Are you doing that something that makes you happy or everyone else happy?”*

*“Does the council know if Saint Francis has enough space to accommodate pupils from Wroxall?”*

*“Are you thinking about the benefit of the children mentally? Are you thinking about how much it will affect their brains? They could get confused going to other schools.”*

## **Brading Primary school Pupil Voice 31/01/2025**

### **Session 1 - Yr 4 – 6 pupils**

**Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- All the support from the adults
- The staff are very kind
- How fun they make lessons
- They always ask if anything is wrong
- We like the trips for example the cinema
- The reading books are very enjoyable
- There is loads of equipment to have fun on in the playground and also in the hall
- I like the head teacher because she's really nice
- The school is kept in good shape
- The maths lessons are really fun, and they make it easy
- We go swimming once a week in year 3 and 4
- We like the school values, respect them and everyone will respect you
- The PE trips are really fun, like going to golf
- We liked going to the Quay Arts to visit the art centre and meet the artists

**Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- That the school is caring
- The school is really great and that it is better than they think it is
- This school is beyond special
- We do gardening club, and we grow plants to help the world and its atmosphere
- If the school closes, I might move to the Bay and they have no spaces left and if there is no room at the Bay, I'm going to get homeschooled, and I won't see any of my friends
- The school is important because the community will feel really empty without the children having fun



- I think the school shouldn't shut down because of all the new teachers and pupils that have joined the school

**Q3. Is there anything else you would like the school to offer/ improve?**

- I don't think that anything could be better because it's perfectly fine
- A little bit more classrooms
- Maybe the school could offer swings on a slide
- 20 minutes at play time
- Saint Helens have 75 children
- The Bay is the biggest school on the island
- I went to dodgeball at the Bay, and they had a big PE department

**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"Why does Saint Helens stay open when they have less children than us?"*

*"Why close us down when other schools have less children?"*

*"If you close this school, people that come from the mainland won't have a school to go to."*

**Session 2 - Yr 5 – 6 pupils**

**Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- Our teachers take care of us nicely
- The staff and the children are so kind and helpful
- How the teachers and people inside the school support us
- The school trips are really fun, and we get to learn a lot more
- This school is welcoming, the opportunities like playing squash

**Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?**

- How supportive the kids and the teachers are
- If your kids have a problem, we've got classes for different needs
- At Brading my anxiety has got better and it's a welcoming school
- The school accepts everybody
- This school is so important to Mrs Gilbert, all the teachers and the local community
- If you close the school, the Bugle Youth club won't get much money
- We raise money for charities
- It's really close to where I live: it's good that it's close because my mum can't drive me
- It's a safe place to come if you've got any worries
- Kids come all the way from Bembridge to be here.

**Q3. Is there anything else you would like the school to offer/ improve?**

- I think the school already offers enough because we go on school trips that Mrs G arranges for us

- Class pets to regulate people that get angry sometimes
- I would like a mini golf course
- School pets because children will be able to learn and interact with them and it's good for their emotional well-being
- I have friends that go to the Bay
- Half of my class is going to the Bay so I would like to go so I don't get separated from my friends
- I have a friend from Gatten and Lake

**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"If you shut this school, I won't be able to play with my friends in year 6"*

*"If this school does shut down what will happen to all the children in need because there are no other places for them to go apart from Medina which is full?"*

*"How would you feel if we shut your job down and you had to find another one?"*

*"Why did you choose Brading?"*

**Session 3 - Yr 6 – 6 pupils**

**Q1. What do you really enjoy about your school?**

- I like the atmosphere that the staff gives the school
- I really like that the building is not too cramped and small but not too big because younger children might not be able to memorise where everything is
- I like how really supportive the teachers are of what we do
- All the opportunities the school gives us for trips: we went to the Winchester Science Museum and it only costs £5, it was a really amazing opportunity for us
- We have our own little library in Year 5 and 6 we have our own section
- We go to sports competitions and compete with other schools
- Fun trips that are cheap
- Nice teachers that you can talk to if you're feeling bad
- Swimming lessons
- After school clubs that are free
- Opportunities to be head boy/ girl, sports captains, mini- governors and prefects
- We use trust and British values
- I've been so much happier in braiding it's much better than my old school
- I really enjoy the school trips because they're all educational and fun
- We are a team that trusts each other
- This school is very fun and kind
- This school lets us use our voice
- The teachers try to make every lesson as fun as it can be
- I like the school trips
- Team and trust
- The school has given me many life skills
- I like the British values
- The school supports everyone



- Student voice
- After school clubs for free
- Low priced trips
- I enjoyed how you always have a chance to talk to teachers about anything that's not only happening at school but even stuff that's happening at home
- I also enjoy all the equipment they have supplied us with
- We used trust and British values to help us improve
- All the food and teachers and all the free clubs they offer
- They have supported me along my way
- The school is a big part of my life
- I have met Princess Anne
- The school is a skills builder

## Q2. What would you like adults to know about your school?

- For me and my family, this is a great place to remember and a safe place because [REDACTED] are special needs and not many primary schools could meet their needs, but this school was their favourite, and they had the most fun and learned the most here
- I have been here seven and a half years, and this school has helped me along my journey of being a Brading schoolchild:
  - Be a lifelong learner
  - Reflect and revisit
  - Adapt to engage everyone
  - Develop nurturing relationships by being positive
  - Inspire and include everyone
  - Never give up
  - Grow and achieve in all areas so we can reach for the stars
- This school has guided me on my educational needs and it's a mini community
- It's a great school and I wouldn't want to be part of another one
- It's a rural school and a Church of England school
- It supports SEND children
- We do a lot of things at the church
- We have a gym, football, trim trail and astroturf
- We have a big field for PE, sports day and lessons
- That it's supported me when I feel sad
- This is a very good school
- All staff members know us
- When I felt sad the school helped me
- There is lots of PE stuff to do
- It is a very fun school and the teachers are understanding
- All the staff are supporting
- I would like them to know we are a rural school letting in all special needs children with open arms, we even have two classes specialised to meet children's needs: my [REDACTED] went through lots of primary schools but this one in particular met their needs perfectly
- Brading is a great school and I've been going here for [REDACTED] years

**Q3. Is there anything else you would like the school to offer/ improve?**

- I don't think Brading needs to change one bit because it's got a great community. The school already offers enough, and I don't think they need to offer anymore because they do enough for us already
- Our teachers, after the school day is done, they still work to plan the lessons and make them fun and educational
- I don't think the school needs to change because we have the gym, the apparatus, the trim trail and the climbing poles, the Astro and a field
- For the younger years they have a smaller playground, so they have swings and bikes and a sand pit and a spinner
- More options for school dinners
- One thing that I would like the school to change are the school dinners. I feel they are too small to fuel us for the remaining 3 hours of the day
- No, I think Brading is great how it is
- Nothing

**Q4. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in your feedback for the report?**

*"Brading is such a great school overall if it were to shut down it would be a big loss to the Church of England schools and rural schools"*

**With thanks to all the children, staff and headteachers of the five schools that kindly agreed to participate in this consultation, for welcoming us into your schools so warmly and giving up your time to talk to us.**

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