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Dear Parents/Carers

You will no doubt have heard that the decision was taken by the Full Council last night to move to a two tier system of primary and secondary schools for Bedford Borough. The vote was carried by 19 votes to 17 so it was by no means unanimous. This decision is dependant upon sufficient Government funding, which is not guaranteed considering the current economic climate. If the proposal to go to two tier does in fact go ahead, then Alban would not close until August 2015.

Alban is a fantastic school and we have fought a long and hard battle to save it from closure. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from you and the local community which has inspired and encouraged us to fight to retain the three tier system. Our two local councillors, Tom Wootton and Carole Ellis both spoke out strongly in favour of retaining and enhancing the current system because of the huge response they had received from their electorate to save Alban.

The Governing Body will be meeting shortly to discuss the Council's decision and review the future of our school; I will of course keep you advised of any developments. I would like to assure you that we will do everything we can to ensure that Alban pupils continue to receive outstanding educational experiences and guidance whilst they are in our care.

Again, I would like to thank you for the wonderful support and confidence you have shown in our school and reiterate that we will continue to work in the very best interests of all of our pupils.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Dougall
Headteacher

