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Dear Mr. Le Riche

Thank you for your email.

You are correct that Lympstone Primary School is within the Exmouth Local Learning Community and is a feeder primary school to Exmouth Community College. The Schools within the Local Learning Community work closely together and the attached document 'Realising Potential, Local Learning Communities in Devon' will give you further information.

With regard to designated areas, this is the geographical area served by the school. This means that children living in a school's designated area will have a higher priority but does not guarantee admission. If there are places available at a school then a pupil from outside the designated area can be accepted. The Local Authority also uses designated areas to help in planning of school places together with other relevant information including Health data and planned and proposed housing development which will affect current and future pupil numbers.

You wanted information regarding the transport policy and this would apply to those children who live beyond the statutory walking distance (2 miles for all primary aged children in Devon) and attend their nearest or designated school. At the present time transport is being provided for two children who live within Lympstone Primary School's designated area to the next nearest school which is Brixington Primary School. There is a Code of Practice for safety and compliance of transport vehicles and all Schools are required to have a School Travel Plan, which actively promotes green forms of travel, i.e. walking buses, incentive schemes, car sharing and which is reviewed and updated regularly.

With regard to the piece of land adjoining the school site, this has been investigated but I have to advise you that due to immense pressure on our budgets this would not be a possibility in the foreseeable future. There is pressure of places in the Exmouth area and we have been discussing solutions with the Local Learning Community with regard to short and longer term solutions, which may involve expansion of some of the primaries in the Exmouth area. We will have to consider this alongside the East Devon Local Development Framework, for which the preferred options on sites has yet to be agreed. We will also be undertaking an Area Review with all the Heads and Chairs of Governors within the Exmouth Local Learning Community on 21 March and it may well be that further options to ease pressure may emerge.

One of the officers within the Learning Environments Team will be happy to attend your Parish Council meeting to explain the above further if you feel this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely



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