

Dear all,

Following a very lengthy extraordinary governors' meeting last night, it is with great sadness the board has made the decision not to proceed with the 3G project in Torpoint.

Since the inception of the project, the College is now facing an unprecedented challenge due to a significant falling roll that is being seen across the local area due to a falling birth rate. There is no sign of the falling roll abating over at least the next 5 years, and this will place a significant financial strain on the College as it will have to try and navigate its way through delivering a sustainable and an effective education provision with improved outcomes for our students with a huge reduction in funding.

With the future funding pressures now projected from a significant falling roll and the precarious financial position this will place us in the short to medium term, and the financial risk associated with the 3G facility resting on the shoulders of the College, the board of governors did not feel comfortable proceeding with the 3G project. There are significant strategic decisions the College now has to make to secure its future.

This is not only disappointing for us, but clearly for the community and all stakeholders involved. I am hugely grateful for all your support throughout this process, and I am sorry we are not in a position to add such a valuable and desired provision to the Torpoint and Rame area.

This was an incredibly tough decision for the board and I'm sorry we are not in a position to cross the final hurdle to proceed with the project. This outcome has been communicated with the Football Foundation and a message will go out to the local community shortly. We understand the disappointment and sentiments that will be shared once this has been communicated.

Thank you again for all your support throughout this process.

Kind regards

Dr Jeremy Plumb

Headteacher