



# ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

"Together we will give our children  
the roots to grow, and the wings to fly"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I hope that you and your children have had a good half-term break and that your children are ready for the next term of learning and activities in school!

I am writing to inform you that the next stage of the consultation process to establish whether a two-tier school system for Frome is desired starts today. You were informed by Phil Curd, Somerset County Council, in December of the decision to consult on this proposal and documents are now in place to provide more detail and a possible timescale that will be worked to. For St John's it would mean that the school would become a Primary School (Reception to Year 6 pupils) from September 2028.

Below you will find a link to the consultation document that is on our school website:

<https://www.stjohnsfrome.co.uk/media/content/files/Letters/2025-2026/Pre-Publication%20Consultation%20-%20Frome%20Education%20Structures%20-%20February%202026.pdf>

Below is the link to a questionnaire for you to send your response to the consultation.

<https://sومersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/frome-education-structures/>

If you require a paper copy of the consultation document, please come and request this from Mrs Alexander.

There are also planned meetings in order to gather further information and share your views as detailed below:

**There are also two in-person drop-in sessions where the Informal Proposal can be discussed with Council officers:**

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, between 1400-1600 at The Key Centre, Feltham Lane, Frome, BA11 5AJ
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, between 1700-1900 at Frome Town Hall, Christchurch Street West, Frome, BA11 1EB

**There is no need to book to attend either of the drop-in sessions.**

I hope that you will view and consider the proposal and provide a response to ensure that the views of as many families as possible are represented. This is an important decision to be made for the current and future generations of learners in Frome.

Yours sincerely,

*T. Gilbert*

Mrs Teresa Gilbert  
Headteacher



At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority.  
We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.