



Joint statement following a meeting of the working party regarding access to the School Grounds.

2nd December 2021

Dear All,

Following the meeting in September, the working party met on the 2nd December with members from the Governing Body, School Leadership Team, Parish Council, West Devon Borough Councillor, Devon County Councillor and representatives of the community were all present.

It is appreciated that the meeting was held later than anticipated, but unfortunately covid has caused a number of issues.

A document had recently been circulated to the group, outlining advice that the school has received and their current legal position.

Following legal advice that has been obtained the Governing Body are not in a position to allow open access to the community on the school grounds out of school hours at this current time.

However, the school are still keen for the community and BMPC to explore alternative options and make a proposal to the Governing Body to be considered.

BMPC will be considering the possibility of a lease agreement or memorandum of understanding to lease the school grounds at appropriate times, with the intention of allowing community access. It will be necessary for the parish council to agree this idea in principal and then look into the details of how this may work in reality.

The Parish Council and Governing Body are committed to working together with the community, to reach a suitable and agreeable outcome for all parties.

Yours Sincerely

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Chair of Buckland Monachorum
Parish Council

Rev Andy Farmer
Chair of Governors for St Andrew's C of E
School