



Maryhill High School

A Media Arts College



The following statement was adopted by the governors on 17 March 2009:

The Governors have met on three occasions to discuss 'Building Staffordshire's Future' (BSF) and the future of education in Kidsgrove. At these meetings Governors discussed the alternative BSF models that have been produced by Staffordshire LA. They also considered the alternative methods of Governance that are available, including means of collaboration and federation between schools.

The Governors have as their priority the realising of the Every Child Matters outcomes for the students. These are how the school helps students (with parents and other agencies) to:

- Be healthy – promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle
- Stay safe - look after the students and help them learn to look after themselves
- Enjoy and achieve – give a high quality learning experience that leads to exam success
- Make a positive contribution – give students opportunities to work for the community, in school, locally and globally
- Achieve economic well-being – provide relevant courses and information, advice and guidance that lead to future education, employment and training

The Governors also recognise the need to continue to raise standards and improve provision.

After a thorough discussion of all the options the Governing Body has come to the conclusion that these outcomes will be best served by maintaining two 11 to 18 Secondary Schools in Kidsgrove. They believe that this will maximise choice and diversity, retaining two different specialisms. They acknowledge the work that has been done already to make Maryhill High School successful and have its own distinctive character, one that parents and students value.

Nevertheless, the Governors also believe that improved collaboration with Clough Hall Technology School is necessary for raising standards, so that there are increased curricular opportunities for the students and a more systematic sharing of best practice. They want this collaboration to remain informal but to extend to Governing Body level.

The Governors are also convinced that better collaboration between the primary and secondary schools will really help accelerate progress. Therefore any further discussions on BSF should involve these schools and their Governing Bodies.

To summarise:

- **Keep two 11 to 18 high schools in Kidsgrove**
- **Work together better to give more opportunities for all students**
- **Share what is good to improve both schools**
- **Include the primary schools in future discussions**

You are invited to give your views on your Governors' proposals by writing or emailing to Maryhill High School. Please mark your envelope or email 'Education in Kidsgrove' and include your name, who you are (parent, student, teacher etc) and contact details.