



6<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Dear Parent / Guardian

The Governors, staff and parents of St Thomas of Canterbury School are constantly striving to provide the best education and facilities possible for the children of our school. A key priority for us is to improve significantly the sporting facilities we offer to our children, and local community. We have ambitious plans to raise standards in this important part of the curriculum.

As such, we are reviewing the assets available to us, including the future of the Greencroft playing field and how it can better serve the needs of our children and community. The playing field is situated at the rear of Greencroft, off Horseshoe Lane West and is owned by the Governors of the School. It contains space equivalent to two football pitches. There are no facilities at the field and it is rarely used by the school and community. The only non-school occasional use is by a local football team on Saturday mornings in season. We do not feel this resource is currently being used in the best interests of the school and local community.

Under Schedule 22 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 we plan to seek permission from the Secretary of State for Education to sell approximately half of our Greencroft playing field space. As part of that process we are consulting, formally, with the school, parents, neighbours and local community to seek your views and comments, including issues regarding the loss of public amenity. If you have either any comments, objections, or alternatively if you support the school's plans to improve the overall sporting facilities, please write to the Headteacher at the above address by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007 with your views.

We shall be holding an open evening for all parents at school on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 7.30pm in the Junior Hall, to which you are cordially invited. We shall be looking at curriculum developments, sporting spaces and further improvements we need for our school.

Please do come along. This is your opportunity to discuss your views at this stage of the development of our exciting vision.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Gawley  
Head Teacher

Kate Sarama  
Chair of Governors

