

Anti Academies Alliance



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child”

Public Meeting

All Hallows Hall

Pierrepont Road, Lady Bay, West Bridgford,
Nottingham NG2 5BP

Campaigning against Academy Status at Rushcliffe School

7.30pm Tuesday 8 November 2011

Speakers:

Chair: Martin Sleath – Parent

Jenny Day – AAA National Steering Committee

Liam Conway – Notts NUT

Andrea Oates – Broxtowe AAA

Next month, the governing body of Rushcliffe School will meet with a view to applying for Academy status. Consultation is online via the school website (www.rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk) with a deadline of 30 November to submit opinions. There is also meeting on Wednesday 9 November at the school at 3.30pm “for those wishing to ask questions about the way Rushcliffe would operate if it became an Academy”.

What you can do

1. Stop any Academy decisions being taken until parents have been properly and fully consulted. Demand that the school organises a meeting for parents to hear both sides of the Academies argument followed by a proper ballot on the proposals;
2. Ask what the advantages of converting to Academy status are for pupils. We believe that the reality of what this will mean for them is still very far from clear;
3. Ask whether the headteacher and governing body can guarantee that there will be no shift to a ‘selective’ approach that would reduce the number of local children attending the school;
4. Ask what the implications for pupils and prospective pupils with SEN are if the school severs links with the Local Education Authority (LEA); and
5. If the LEA no longer has any say in the running of Rushcliffe School, ask whether parents who want to appeal against a decision by the school would have to take their case to a civil servant in Whitehall.

Who we are

The Anti Academies Alliance is campaigning for a fair and comprehensive education for all and “a good local school for every child”. We oppose Academies because:

- They are an attack on the principle of a democratic, planned education system for the whole community and privatisation by another name;
- Students and their parents have fewer rights because academies are not covered by general education law;
- The door is opened for a selective admissions policy that could lead to fewer local children attending, as others travel in from further away; and
- They take money out of school budgets spent centrally by local authorities on the most vulnerable pupils and threaten support for children with special educational needs (SEN). There is no new money for academies.

The Anti Academies Alliance is supported by all the teaching unions representing classroom teachers. For more information see www.antiacademies.org.uk or contact the local campaigns via **Facebook (Rushcliffe school academy proposals - anti-academies alliance)** or **www.nottssantiacademies.org**