



**OUR LADY AND
ST. PHILIP NERI**

TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Dear Parishioner

The school is currently involved in a Public Enquiry regarding the school, which has been adjourned until 16th March. As you are aware our pupils have had an unfinished building for far too long and we need to get it completed for them. We really need to correct the impression that the local community is up in arms about the school and that the Council is acting to support the community. The best way in which this can be done is if you as members of the parish too, could confirm your support for the scheme. If you are able to write it will help our case if you could mention that the delays cannot continue, and that our children deserve the works to be completed so they have a fully functional and attractive school that they can be proud of. All emails of support can be sent to;

TeamE1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk (FAO: Eleanor Morris) and include the appeal reference numbers: 3242363 and 3245112.

Please can you BCC admin@olspn.lewisham.sch.uk when you send the email.

Just to give you an idea of the sort of thing you might want to say, below is an example of what a supporter has written already.

Dear Inspector

I wish to express my support for Our Lady and St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School. My children attend the School and I live close by. It is appalling that the School has remained unfinished for so long. The children's education is suffering. This process has dragged on now for years and I know the local community wants the school finished as soon as possible. The value of a school is what happens on the inside and how it educates our children, not what colour the outside walls are. The needs of the children should be the most important consideration in any decision on the School's future. Without doubt, the best solution for the children is that the School completed in the least intrusive way, as soon as possible. I hope that you will take these views into account and support the School. The teachers can then get on with what they do best – educate our children.

Thank-you.

There will also be an opportunity to talk to the inspector on Wednesday 17th March at 7:00pm and if you would like to be part of this virtual meeting then please contact the school on admin@olspn.lewisham.sch.uk giving your name and contact details. This meeting will be held virtually.

I do hope that you can find time to support the school at this crucial time to put an end to this uncertainty.

Many thanks

Matthew Ringham
Headteacher