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17 March 2009

Dear Parents

We are extremely grateful for all your support. We are going to need your support again in the future.

A protest march is planned against Salford City Council's proposals to close St George's RC High School under Building Schools for the Future.

You may recall that a protest march against the Council's plans took place on 24 February 2008. On that occasion the Council took from the school budget £1918.35 for the cost of road closure, traffic cones and the adjustment to a traffic light.

We cannot afford a second march in Salford. The Governors have approved a demonstration march to take place on **Saturday 28 March 2009 at noon from All Saints Gardens off Oxford Road in Manchester to Castlefield.**

It would be marvellous if we could see as many families as possible protesting together on 28 March against the Council's proposals.

After assembling at All Saints Park off Oxford Road at 11.30am (opposite the BBC) we will proceed down Oxford Road to St Peter's Square and then continue down Peter Street. At the junction with Deansgate we will turn left and proceed down Deansgate turning right onto Liverpool Road, three quarters of the way down Liverpool Road we will turn left onto the Castlefield Assembly area. Please feel free to make banners, posters, flags etc to carry during the march.

The march will be led by Jamie Moore the recently crowned European Light Middleweight Champion and four of our pupils collectively known as JustKids4georges.

We are hoping that as many families turn out as possible, we cannot allow pupils to make their own way there, parents must accompany their children. It is estimated that 1000 people took part in the demonstration last year; hopefully we will match that number this year.

Some parents have suggested travelling into Manchester by train from Walkden or using the Metrolink service from Eccles to St Peter's Square.

It is envisaged that most people will make their own way into Manchester, however we may be able to provide limited coach travel from school on the day. If you require this transport, please complete the slip below, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Yours faithfully,

P J Harte
Headteacher

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Reply slip to Mrs Middleton

Parent Name:

Pupil Name:..... Form

I would like to reserve _____ places to travel by coach to the BSF demonstration in Manchester City Centre on 28 March 2009 leaving school at 10.30am.