

What can I tell our students, staff and community – suggested wording

Announcement

- » On 7 July 2016, the Minister announced that the consultation process had adequately addressed the two main reasons for her interim decision that Redcliffs School should close, which were:
 - The potential for future disruption if Redcliffs School was to return to the Main Road site.
 - The uncertainty of timing of a return to the Main Road site, as there was no timeframe set for the removal of houses from the clifftop behind the school.
- » Accordingly, she has not confirmed her interim decision that the school should close, and the consultation process under section 154 of the Education Act is at an end.
- » Two additional matters were raised during the consultation process that require further consideration before a decision is made about whether Redcliffs School should return to the Main Road site. These are:
 - The potential for negative psychosocial effects for the children if the school were to return to the original site given that there will be ongoing rockfall from the cliffs, and major mitigation works on the school boundary.
 - The possibility of relocating the school to an alternative site in Redcliffs.

Next steps

- » The Ministry will work with the Redcliffs School Board of Trustees to investigate these matters and will complete a further report to the Minister, which will include:
 - A feasibility analysis of whether relocation to Barnett Park, or any other site in the Redcliffs area, within a reasonable timeframe is likely to be a realistic option.
 - Further investigation into the potential psychosocial impacts of returning to the Main Road site.
- » This report will be provided to the Minister by the end of September 2016. Decisions based on the information gathered through these investigations will then be made by mid October 2016.

Further information

- » Further information is available at www.shapingeducation.govt.nz or phone 03 378 7300.

