

Menheniot Parish Clerk

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Dear Councillors

Menheniot Primary School is currently over-subscribed and has been for 6 years.

We applied for but were unsuccessful in, our bid for funding from Cornwall Council at the time, however parents have continued to choose Menheniot over other local schools.

In the intervening years, despite repeated attempts, Cornwall Council have continued to assert that Menheniot was not eligible for funding, and it would not consider building another classroom. A continual house building program has taken place in Liskeard and surrounding areas and no additional primary school places have been provided.

In 2019 we applied for and received planning permission to site a modular building in the school grounds to accommodate a class. Once again, Cornwall Council declined our application for funding (approx. 50k at this point).

The impact of covid has put additional pressure on teaching space within the school, with intervention groups being taught in corridors as every other available space was used for classrooms (including our library).

Last year the governing body decided enough was enough and we would try and fund a building from the school budget. We had taken out an interest free loan of 25k (in 2016) to cover half the cost of a new modular built classroom and budgeted carefully over the course of 5 years to raise the other 25k. Unfortunately, in the intervening years the cost of works has doubled to 100k. We are now in the process of applying for a grant from the Community Infrastructure Levy fund to make up the shortfall.

Part of the application asks for a letter of support from our local Parish Council, and this is my reason for writing to you.

The governors would be grateful if you would write a letter of support for our project and confirm that we have worked with you regarding our planning application.

The application has to be submitted by 28th October so an early response would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards
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