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Dear Sink or Swim Trustees

Copmanthorpe Primary School Governors held an extra-ordinary meeting on Thursday 23rd July, which I chaired, to consider the detail of your letter dated 15th July 2020.

We do understand that these times are challenging and that you have faced factors beyond your control as you have sought to progress your project, particularly with regards to the submission of grant applications. We had intended the criteria that were set to be a helpful point of focus but recognise that this may be unachievable given the updated guidance on Sport England's site regarding submission dates for new applications.

We were also concerned that there was no update/revision to your proposed timeline, and we recognise that in order to begin a build in summer 2021 there needed to be a substantial amount of funding guaranteed by October, which remains our view.

Following a robust discussion during the meeting I can confirm that we will require an update from you for our October meeting, however, in the light of the above, we are willing to change the criteria and ask you to report against the following points:

1. **Progress made with grant applications** - we would hope to hear that your grant applications, specifically Sport England and Reaching Communities National Lottery Fund, have been submitted and that they have progressed through the first round with positive feedback. If this is achieved, we would require guidance from you about the decision-making process going forwards, including clarity around timeframes for the next steps in the funding process.
2. **Time frames** - In the absence of 50% funding we require a more detailed plan with timescales. If the timescales are revised and it is proposed that the building takes place outside of summer holidays what are the access arrangements? Note, if this involves the use of access from Wheelwright Close, please advise us of the progress you have made reaching agreements about this with residents and CYC.
3. **Project costs** – We will require a detailed, updated breakdown in October of
 - a) all costs associated with the project
 - b) funds received; funds bid for to date (e.g. funder / amount / date submitted / number of rounds / expected timeframe for turnaround).



We would like to make it clear that we have also asked the school to consider the alternative uses in more detail with a view to presenting alternative possibilities, with associated timescales to the governing body at our October meeting.

We remain committed to making the best possible use of this building for the benefit of children and families in the village.

Best wishes as you pursue the project,

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Menna Godfrey (deputy chair of governors)