



Welcome to the December newsletter from the Island Community School Group.

Application latest

Our application to open a Free School on the Island was extremely well received by the New Schools Network and, after some minor clarifications, has now been sent off to the department for Education. A huge vote of thanks to all who contributed to the creation of the application including all the 500 parents who have so far completed expressions of interest supporting our bid.

We must now wait to see if our application is short-listed. If successful we will be given the opportunity to present our case to the Department for Education at interview in the spring.

Final decisions regarding successful applications will be made in early May 2013.

Next steps

Please remember the more support we can show for the school the more likely it is to open in September 2014.

Throughout January and February we will continue to market the school in the wider community and will be holding information evenings in the Bembridge and Freshwater areas. If you live in either of these areas and would like more information why not host a coffee morning for yourself and your friends. Members of our team are always happy to come out and discuss our vision for the school. We will also continue to investigate possible sites for the school. Our planning for a site is entirely based on the desire for a Free School in each area.

Once again may I thank all the teachers, parents and business leaders who have given so much of their time in support of our application.

An Island School for Island Families offering outstanding education for all

**Kind regards,
The Island Free School Team**