

Motion 9 – Labour group amendment

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Proposed by Councillor Tom Usher

Seconded by Councillor Liz Grey

Delete paragraphs 3 and 4 and replace with:

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Motion 9 – substantive motion incorporating Labour group amendment

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~~Council is therefore opposed to proposals by the Labour Party to abolish the independent Kingsmead School and Birkenhead School, as part of a misguided attempt to play politics with 1,000 children and their futures. Such a policy will also harm the children who need the greatest support, regardless of their parents’ ability to pay.~~

~~Council therefore requests the Leader of the Council to write to both schools to reassure them of the Council’s support.~~

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Motion 9 – Liberal Democrat group amendment

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Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Chris Carubia

Delete paras 3 and 4.

Insert a third para...

"Notwithstanding this, Council recognises that a number of parents currently, and in the future, will wish to continue to exercise their choice and prefer to educate their children outside the state-funded system."

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