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Dear Colleague

SCHOOL BUILDING CONDITION 2012/13

(Submission deadline 5pm - Monday 20 February 2012)

Plymouth City Council is committed to increasing pupil achievement through the improvement of school buildings. This commitment is underpinned by using the Authority's Capital Maintenance grant from the DfE to support schools' work in improving the condition and suitability of school buildings and achieving the changes required due to legislative change. £500K per year has been set aside to deal with these issues and so bids are now invited from schools to put forward proposals for consideration of funding. Please note that any unspent funding from last year's condition allocation will be clawed back and added to this year's funding pot.

Schools are reminded that this is the only bidding round for the financial year 2012/2013 and that allocations will be made at the start of the financial year. Bids are requested by completion of the Excel form that has been sent to your school via Email or you can download a PDF version on the Plymouth City Council website at the following link www.plymouth.gov.uk/capitalplanning. Please refer to the guidance online for further information with regards to eligibility criteria. Either forms returned on line or hard copy will be accepted.

Similar to the previous bidding process, the bid form includes two parts; the first part should be used to highlight what you believe to be the most important and urgent issue relating to your school building. These items are then placed on the authority's database and will be considered when making future funding allocations. The second part should be used to bid for a particular project that will address any condition, suitability or legislative issue within your school building. The authority holds up-to-date professional information about condition priorities and will cross reference these with priorities highlighted by your governors. The authority is also aware of a number of critical condition related issues and so the bidding process offers the opportunity for you to emphasise these issues as well as ensuring the authority has up-to-date information.

We understand that devolved formula capital allocations have reduced significantly over previous years and that schools are finding it difficult to fund urgent repairs or maintenance, so this year we will be removing the match funded element from the process and will accept bids for the full project

cost. However, bids with any amount of match funding will be looked on favourably and scored with added value.

Closing date for bids is 5pm on Monday 20 February 2012.

Should you require any further information or require any assistance with your bid please contact Dan McKintosh on 01752 307533 or Michelle Endacott on 01752 307426.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gareth Simmons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and 'S'.

Gareth Simmons
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