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Dear Sir, Madam

Ely College Community Education

Firstly, may I thank you for your support of the college and your contribution to our valued and successful programme of adult and community education. The purpose of this letter is to update you on our plans for the provision in 2019/20 and beyond.

In recent months we have been forced to review the Adult and Community Education provision offered through Ely College. This review is necessary because of a reduction in the funding provided through Cambridgeshire County Council, in particular in relation of the funding that subsidises non-accredited community courses.

Unfortunately, running the current levels of provision at the current prices through 2019/20 would require subsidy using school funds intended for the education of children. This is neither allowed under our funding agreement, or appropriate.

However, because we value the importance and benefits of a strong Adult and Community Education programme at the college, we are committed to offering the best programme possible. We have been successful in securing funding to run a programme of accredited GCSE courses for adult learners, and will be consulting with tutors over the summer around the potential for other existing courses to be run as lettings in the Autumn term on a private basis.

We are sorry if that places the future of a course you have undertaken this year in doubt. We are also actively consulting with other adult and community education providers to explore engaging them in the utilisation of our site and facilities for a wider range of courses.

Yours faithfully

Richard Spencer
Principal