

DON'T EVICT THE JONES FAMILY

OUR SCHOOLS NEED RESIDENTIAL CARETAKERS



DEMONSTRATION

SATURDAY 10 MAY 2008

12.00PM

STARTING AT

STOKE NEWINGTON COMMON, N16

MARCHING TO CLISSOLD PARK FOR A

RALLY

GUEST SPEAKERS INVITED



STOP THE EVICTION OF THE JONES FAMILY



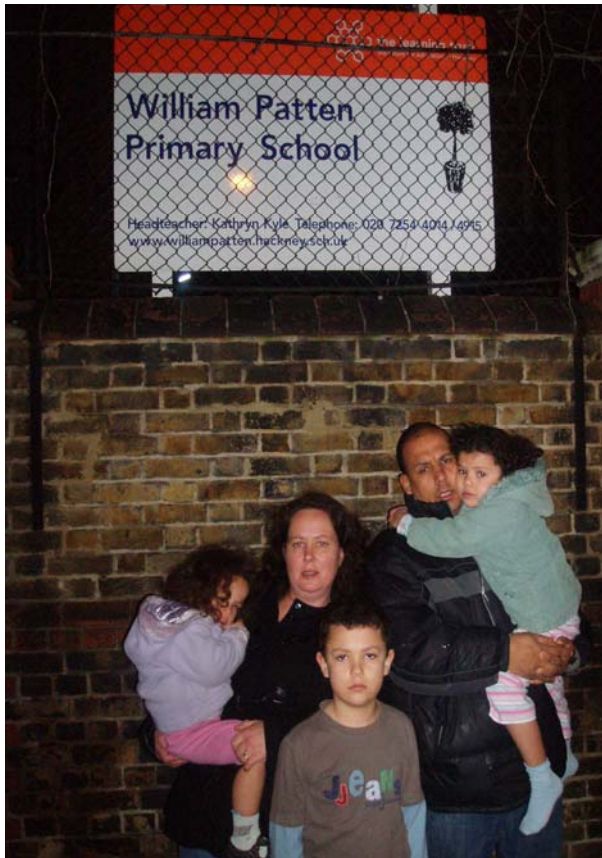
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Ricky Jones has been the Residential Caretaker for William Patten Primary School for 10 years.

He lives on the school site with his wife and 3 children, two of whom have been born on the premises and two of whom attend the Primary School.

On 12 February 2008 the school management presented Ricky with paperwork informing him of the proposal to make the position of Residential Caretaker redundant.

If this proposal goes ahead Ricky and his young family will be evicted from their home.



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The idea of a Primary School evicting two of its own children from their home is abhorrent in itself.

However, those who believe that removing this family from their home might achieve some greater good are mistaken.

Schools at night when left empty are often a magnet for vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Home Office advice states that having a Residential Caretaker or "School-sitter" living on site is a **major deterrent against crime**.

Also, with a committed public servant in the vicinity, in the event of an emergency (e.g. a flood or power-cuts, alarms going off) schools have an **efficient and cost effective emergency response**, instead of having to waste tax-payers money on private contractors charging the schools extortionate call-out fees to deal with routine problems in a building they are unfamiliar with.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Despite 1400 parents, residents, colleagues and Trade Unionists signing a petition against the eviction, William Patten School and the Learning Trust are still pursuing this malevolent plan. They claim the school needs more space although the residential property is ill-suited for educational purposes and would need major renovation at further cost and disruption.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: -

- Join the Demonstration on Saturday 10 May 2008
- Sign our petition
- Send a letter or email of protest to those responsible for this proposal: Kathryn Kyle, (Headteacher of William Patten School) on kylekatherine@hotmail.com, and Aileen Walker (Chair of Governors) on admin@williampatten.hackney.scho.uk
- Copy in messages of protest or send messages of support to Matthew Waterfall, Hackney Unison Branch Secretary on matthew.waterfall@hackney.gov.uk

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