

Public Meeting

Tell Blunkett: Stop Interfering with our Schools

NO to a privatised Academy at Parkwood

Speakers:

PAUL HOLMES MP (Lib Dem Chesterfield)

VIV LOCKWOOD (Sheffield Labour Party member).

PAUL KELEMEN (Fir Vale ex-Governor)

Organised by Sheffield North Anti-Academies Alliance (Tel:07890088456)

In an article in the **Sheffield Star** on 29 April, David Blunkett wrote that he had “fought tooth and nail” for the academy proposals which would hand Parkwood school to a private firm called Edutrust. In other words, this proposal has involved outside political interference from the outset.

Give us a real say– Demand a vote!

We believe that parents should be given a real choice in debating this vital issue. This must mean parents having a **vote** after an informed debate, not just glossy leaflets supporting the Academy proposal. This must be our decision, not Blunkett’s.

Public controversy

The Academies project has stoked great controversy across the country. All major teaching unions oppose the plans, as do many parents campaigns. Many MPs have expressed serious concerns.

Paul Holmes MP will be speaking as a member of the Parliamentary Committee looking into academies.

Viv Lockwood will explain why the proposals go against what many in the Labour Party have always believed in.

And **Paul Keleman** will explain why Fir Vale Governors rejected the Academy plan for their school as it would:

- ⇒ put hard-won progress at risk
- ⇒ be managed by an inexperienced firm run largely by businessmen with no educational training or experience.
- ⇒ be unaccountable to parents.

Thurs 22nd May 7pm

Burngreave Vestry Hall, Burngreave Rd