



The Potters Trust

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**Press release from the Potters Trust, Fans Forum and Official Supporters Club  
– for immediate release**

**Protecting the Academy's Future**

With regard to the future of the academy, the Fans Forum, Potters Trust and The Official Supporters Club - working closely together - see such a facility as an important component of a future successful club. It's future should only be considered after new owners of Stoke City are in place. Supporter Groups would then expect a full and open consultation on the future of the academy.

The groups are also explaining to club officials that in their view, the Britannia Building Society Save & Support Account was launched and promoted on the basis of its contribution to the club's finances, being for youth development, through such a facility. Supporter Groups believe there would be considerable financial loss to the club if the academy is closed at this time.

The forum also took a stronger view; that if the academy is wound down, we would seek to establish a different facility for the funds that are currently directed to the club.

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