

write regrets having made the comments and having sent the letter."

candidate Mr Clifford Jefferies, who has written to the education director

White today.

AXE FALLS ON FOREST

The Forest of Needwood High School at Rolleston is to close — and that's official.

The decision was announced at midday today.

It will close in 1989 and until then will be used as an annexe to the Wulfric School in Horninglow.

Pupils due to start at the Forest School in September will instead go to the new school which will be created on the Wulfric School sites.

The headmaster of the new school will be the current head at Wulfric, Mr Brian Hughes.

BY KAREN LOCKHART

The decision, which has taken Secretary of State for Education Sir Keith Joseph nine months to reach, marks the end of a long and hard fight to save the school.

Staffordshire County Council announced its intention to close the school in November 1983 and school governors, parents, teachers and representatives of the school's youth club and evening institute were immediately united in the battle to save the Forest.

The fight was spearheaded

Fight to save school is lost

by Chairman of the School Governors Mr Ken Green who said the news had come as a bombshell.

PROUD


"I am bitterly disappointed. The fact that I am convinced that as a community we did everything we possibly could to save the school does not make the pill any easier to swallow.

"Although in spite of all our efforts we have been un-

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THE FOREST OF NEEDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

WEATHER

OUTBREAKS of rain this evening. A few showers tomorrow. Wind south or south-east moderate or fresh. Warm, max temp 13 to 15C (55-59F). Outlook: Sunny intervals and showers, some prolonged and heavy. Temperatures near or above normal.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES: 8.15 pm-6.04 am; Tomorrow 8.17 pm to 6.02 am.

BACK ON SATURDAY

In common with most newspapers, the *Burton Mail* will not be published tomorrow, Good Friday. We'll be back on Saturday with our top-class coverage of local news and sport.

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