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Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief update of the progress of the exciting plans the Governing Body is putting into place to update the facilities at Farnborough School.

Our existing teaching facilities are good, they have been maintained and developed over the years, but they have reached the time when they can be developed further. For instance the wired infrastructure does not support the necessary increased use of mobile technology, there are not enough group rooms, our kitchen requires replacing and the boilers that generate our heating are nearing the end of their life. The agreed expansion plan will see £5.5 million pounds of investment in our school that will rectify these areas as well as including a building to house twelve new classrooms, group rooms and a refurbishment to the main school building. The new building is modular, built off site and delivered in sections proving absolute minimal disruption to the school. As our children saw from our last construction, there will be an opportunity to see the new building develop and have an input into the decoration design, which is an important part of learning.

This planning application has accommodated our neighbours concerns about staff parking and the architects have made suggestions to the traffic flow outside school; considerate parking is always in the best interest of all our community. Our plans are now with Bromley's planning department for them to review the amendments to our application. Excitingly, all of the advice that we have been given is that we shall obtain planning permission either on this application or on appeal, and that building work will start during the next academic year. If there is no further objection to the current planning proposal, it could start in September so the children could be in their new school in the Spring.

This expansion plan, will improve our facilities, with new superb purpose built classrooms with TV screen boards, wiring for mobile technology and wonderful facilities in the main school building. This will include the library, group rooms, an additional small hall, new catering facilities, a medical and parent/visitor room with toilet to the front of the school and an expanded new playground.

The Governing Body through the consultation process last year, made the strategic decision to increase the size of the school based of pupil numbers within the ward and for the future security of standards and opportunities for all, in the school. We have fought to ensure that the development will enable Farnborough to be the best it can for the next generation and for the community it serves. So once again this year the Governing Body has agreed to offer places in a second reception class based on increase to pupil numbers across the whole area.



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As our present reception children move into Year 1, they will be based in adjacent classrooms. The ICT suite will be refurbished for a new Year 1 class. Our ICT facilities will be significantly upgraded along with the technology infrastructure and through the purchase of 65 laptops and IPADs. Our existing computers will be put to good use as a fixed resource in each classroom, and in an ICT resource area. These changes will mean more children will have more frequent access to ICT throughout the day whenever it is appropriate to enhance their learning.

Over the summer holidays the existing building will be improved and adapted for our new children to provide all appropriate facilities for their immediate use, including additional toilet areas, reinstated library in its own room and a relocated ICT area.

Our experience of managing change has been evident over the last ten years and families should take confidence in our track record. Every decision and strategic plan has always had our children at its heart. With ever moving national goal posts, the Governing Body and staff have always striven to develop, improve and ensure our children have the best educational chances. The commitment and hard work of all the staff and strong strategic planning has helped to deliver successful changes over the years.

Families choose Farnborough for its atmosphere, its inclusivity, as well as its standards and breadth of curriculum. Remembering back to the time when you were offered a place and how you felt; is the same feeling for those parents joining today. No one wants the school to stand still. Our children are all individuals needing different types of opportunities, not all academic. Better play facilities and increases to numbers will enable greater team sport opportunities, more musical options and a wider range of clubs. The caring and inclusive atmosphere will remain at the heart of our school.

The school has always had an open door policy and encourages families to talk to the staff and governors. Information about the planning application is, if possible, circulated but a lot of the decisions are not within our gift. The Governing Body welcomes any opportunity to talk to parents. If you have any concerns or comments do leave a message in the office and we can arrange to meet with you. The school is always welcoming and our door is always open.

Kindest regards

Paul Chandler

Chair of the Local Council of Farnborough School



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