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Dear Parent/Carer,

I received news yesterday that the planned development to build a new school for Whitehouse Primary School, as part of the Primary Capital Programme, will not now be taking place.

The Local Authority has made this decision in response to objections that were raised when the planning application was submitted for approval. The decision was also influenced by the uncertainty over future funding from the Primary Capital Programme and the discontinuation of the Building Schools for the Future programme.

The implication for us is that the plan to move our Foundation Stage children to the new Whitehouse Primary School will not now happen. This is a disappointing blow to our plans for the future and comes on top of the recent decision to cancel plans for a new school as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme.

At the moment I cannot tell you what alternative plans have been made to ensure that The Bridge School will all be based on one site in the future. However, Gordon Cochrane, our Chair of Governors, and I will be meeting with representative from the BSF Team and the Local Authority on Friday 23rd July to begin to explore what the options for the future are. As ever, as soon as I have any information about future options I will let you know and I will provide you with an update in September in any case.

The important thing to remember is that nothing has changed from what was planned originally for September 2010. All of the necessary work to bring the two schools together is just about complete and we will be ready to embark on a new era as The Bridge School on 1st September. We still have an exciting future ahead of us and I am looking forward to sharing our developments with you as they unfold in the new school year.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer,

Odran Doran

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Simon White
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