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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to provide an update regarding our move to the new school building in September 2027.

As part of the move, the Governing Body has approved a new name for the school:

Whiteley Secondary School

The new name marks the beginning of a new era for the school as we continue to support the success of our students for many years to come.

I would also like to provide reassurance about arrangements for students currently attending the school.

All year groups will move to the new site together in September 2027. No students will remain on the current site after the move. Families can therefore be confident that the school community will continue together in its new home, with all students benefiting from the new facilities from the first day the school opens on the new site.

With a new school name and logo, we will also need to consider adjustments to the school uniform. While no decisions have yet been made, our starting point is that any changes should be kept to a minimum wherever possible. Governors are clear that any changes must be affordable for families and consistent with Department for Education guidance on the cost of school uniform. Where changes are required, we would also expect to introduce a phased transition period to help avoid unnecessary additional costs.

Before final decisions are taken about uniform, we will seek feedback from parents, carers and students so that views can be considered as part of the process. Further information about how this will take place will be shared in due course.

We are aware that parents and carers will also have questions about home-to-school transport arrangements following the move. Transport entitlement will continue to be determined in accordance with Hampshire County Council's School Transport Policy. We will provide families with further information about transport arrangements as soon as it becomes available.

The move to the new school represents a significant milestone, and we recognise that families will have questions as plans continue to develop. We will provide regular updates and ensure that important information is communicated clearly and in good time. Parents and carers are also welcome to raise questions through our regular Parent Forum meetings. The next forum will take place on Thursday 17 September. Please refer to the letter sent on 8 September for further details.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Rice
Principal

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