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Relocation of Cornerstone

Dear Parents,

We want to keep you updated with the latest information regarding the planned relocation of Cornerstone to a new site as part of the development of North Whiteley. Last week, governors met with representatives from Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council and Whiteley Town Council as well as local councilors from Hampshire, Winchester and Fareham.

We were assured that the current plan is still for us to relocate so the school can open on the new site in September 2019. Hampshire County Council (HCC), Winchester City Council and the consortium of developers have all indicated that it is still their intention to hit the necessary deadlines to make this possible. We were assured that issues to do with Junction 9 of the M27 and other road infrastructure have either been resolved, or will not delay the commencement of the development of North Whiteley. Hampshire County Council reiterated their commitment to provide a school place within Whiteley for every Reception child from Whiteley.

The legal document (Section 106 agreement) is still to be finally agreed and signed by all parties. We understand it is nearing completion pending agreement on some last minute changes requested by HCC Education Department.

There is still clearly a note of caution as nothing is definite until agreements are signed and the consortium of developers actually start work on site. If that happens this Autumn, then the school site will be handed over to HCC next Spring for them to start the build of our new school.

We will continue to update you with information as it becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

S. Matheson

Rev. Sandy Matheson
Chair of Governors

Tim Clarke
Headteacher

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