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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you as Chairman of Hanslope School Governors to update you on the proposed expansion of Hanslope School. The exact details are uncertain at the moment because we do not know how many houses will be built in the village and therefore how many more children requiring a school place we can expect.

We, as Governors are determined that whatever developments take place, a number of factors are of paramount importance. These include retaining our Outstanding Ofsted rating and maintaining our academic excellence, continuing to provide exceptional pastoral care, ensuring the safety of our pupils, and providing the best possible opportunities for the wonderful children we launch on their discovery of learning. The school is situated, both physically and emotionally, in the middle of the village and the heart of village life, and we believe it should remain so.

It seems a very long time ago that the developer contacted me and offered the land at the rear of the school to Hanslope School if planning permission were to be granted. This gift will make expansion on the present site possible. There is a possibility that we may need to compromise on some aspects of how the school is developed.

As Governors, we are very conscious that we have good relationships with the neighbouring properties to the school, and we will do all we can to maintain those relationships, and if possible reduce the impact of the school expansion on them.

Please be aware that the section 106 money (money given by the developers to various community projects) was granted for schooling through MKC and can only be used for very specific purposes; although the totals may look quite impressive they will quickly be absorbed by building costs if this is where the money is allocated.

In due course there will be a public consultation at which everyone in the village will have a chance to express their views. At the moment we are still exploring ideas. When there is a more definitive plan I will communicate this to you. At present it would not be right for me to list a lot of hypothetical scenarios.

I can assure you the Governing body will work as hard as they can to make the development work for both the children and the village.

If you wish to discuss this further please email me on nigel.stacey@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk or phone me on 07940506439.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors