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To all parents and carers

Dear Parents and Carers

Update on Outwood Academy Riverside New School Build

I write to update you on the exciting plans for our new school building.

As you know, the pandemic and other unforeseen delays prevented the new building from opening in September 2023. Whilst I understand how disappointing this is for parents and pupils, we are excited to confirm that the new school should be open in the academic year 2025. We will continue to make the most of our facilities at Russell Street and, as our school grows, additional space will be provided as required.

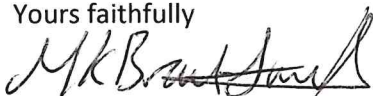
Given that we will be taking one more year group than planned whilst in our temporary home, we are working with the Department for Education (DfE) and Middlesbrough Borough Council to identify additional temporary space as close to Russell Street as possible. This will ensure all students attending Outwood Academy Riverside can learn in high quality educational facilities in the period until we can move to our permanent new building. We will keep you updated as these plans progress.

In the meantime, I thought it would be wonderful to share with you the current, indicative plans for the final, permanent site so that you can see the facilities that our students will have. The DfE and its technical advisers, Mace, have worked closely with us and Middlesbrough Borough Council's planning and highway teams to develop these plans for the new build accommodation and its grounds. Whilst this is currently only an outline plan, it demonstrates the anticipated building and grounds facilities to be delivered on the permanent site. Please note that this drawing is for illustrative purposes only at this stage. We will work with a contractor to develop this further into an actual design and submit a reserved matters planning application anticipated to be in the summer of 2023, with works commencing on site in the autumn/winter 2023.

I hope that you share our excitement for this new building and we look forward to sharing regular updates in the future with you and your children.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Melissa Brant-Smith
Principal



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