



New Whiteley C of E Primary School

Dear parents and children,

On Monday 25th February, we held the first meeting of the temporary governing body for the new primary school in Whiteley. We are very excited about the progress that has been made and would like to let you know what is happening.

While the planning permission has yet to be agreed on the 13th March, there are a few important things to let you know beforehand.

- **Meeting for prospective parents:** Following the planning application meeting, we will be holding a meeting with parents at the Rookery room, Whiteley Community Centre, Gull Coppice, at 4 pm on Friday 15th March. We hope to be able to give you much more information about the school at this point.
- **Deadline for Reception class applications extended:** We have urged Hampshire to delay the deadline, to give parents more reasonable time to make their decision. Hampshire have agreed, and will now process these applications alongside all other applications if they arrive at HCC by the 25th March. If any parents who have not yet expressed an interest in applying for the new school would like to do so, please contact the School Admissions Team, Hampshire, on 01962 847485 or at admissions.team@hants.gov.uk, to get. Completed forms should be sent to Julie Warren, County Admissions Team, Children's Services forms.es Department, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UG.

Important Dates:

- **13th March** – planning application goes to the committee at Winchester
- **15th March** – meeting with parents to give more information about the school; **Rookery rooms, Whiteley Community Centre, 4 pm.**
- **25th March** – HCC's **NEW** deadline for parents to apply for places at the new school, within the current admissions round.
- **16th April** – allocation of places for Reception children announced to parents

- **Late Applications:** It is important to note that applications WILL still be processed after the deadline; it is just that they will not then be announced with all the other allocations on the 16th of April.
- **Applications for other classes:** Any parents wishing to apply for places in other year groups have the right to do so. If there are sufficient parents wanting to apply for places for children in other year groups, then the school would have the obligation to open these classes. It will depend on the number of these applications as to whether it is viable to open other classes. Such applications would happen during the summer term. In order to assess the likely demand, the governors would appreciate any indication from parents who intend to make such applications, to ajs.learning@gmail.com.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or queries, please do contact me at the e-mail below. We appreciate your patience; as you can imagine, there is a massive amount of work to do and we are tackling the many urgent tasks as quickly as we can. I look forward to meeting many of you at the meeting on the 15th March, and to the very exciting future for the children of Whiteley.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Saunders

Chair, Temporary governing body

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