

To
Parents of children
Due to start school in September 2013

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Dear Parent

Planned new primary school in Whiteley - September 2013

You may be aware that the Portsmouth and Winchester Diocesan Board of Education is seeking to establish a new primary school in Whiteley. It is anticipated that subject to the required statutory approvals the school could be provided in temporary accommodation on a temporary site for September 2013. This letter sets out the current position and invites parents to express an interest in a place in Year R in this school, assuming the school can be opened in the timescales that are being pursued.

Plans for the new school in Whiteley have been consulted on by the Diocesan Board of Education and no objections were received. A report seeking approval for the formation of the new school will be taken to Hampshire County Council's Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 23 January 2013.

The proposal is to locate a 'temporary' school in the first instance on a site of Lady Betty's Drive for which planning permission is required. Ultimately it is proposed that the school will be located within the proposed North Whiteley development. The planning application for the temporary school will be considered on 13 March. If it is approved, then it is expected that the school will be open in September but, if there are any delays to the approval it may not be possible to achieve this timescale. It is therefore not possible at this stage to invite applications for places at the school in September.

Local residents with children starting school in Year R in September 2013 must therefore apply for school places **without** considering the new school. The closing date for applications is 15 January and you are advised to use all three preferences when making an application. **This will not prevent you later applying to the new Whiteley school if places becomes available for September.** The online application form for Hampshire residents is at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Paper forms are also available from any Hampshire school.

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No application for the new school will be considered at this stage. However, if you think you would be interested in a Year R place for your child at the new school please complete the attached reply slip and send it to the address shown. This will ensure that you will be contacted directly about the process for applications to the new school.

When the planned timetable for opening the new school is confirmed, we will write out inviting applications for a place in Year R in September 2013 and will advertise the application procedure for the new school more widely. We will make paper applications forms available, set a closing date for their return and inform you of when you will be notified of the outcome of your application.

If you need any help please contact the Admissions Team on the number given overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Diana Traill
Principal Admissions Officer

Expression of interest in a place in Year R in September 2013 at the new Whiteley Primary School sited initially at Lady Betty's Drive, Whiteley (This is NOT an application for a place)

Parent's name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Child's full name _____

Child's date of birth _____

Please return completed form to Julie Warren, School Admissions Team, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UG or alternatively email Julie at admissions.team@hants.gov.uk with the above information