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Dear Parent/Carer

New School

Now that I have received up to date information from Kier Western Construction I am able to inform you of the programme we have to undertake over the next eight weeks in order to move into the new school building.

Completion of the building is scheduled for Monday 1 March 2010 and we have to complete the following:

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| ICT & furniture fitted | 1st-27th March |
| End of term and depart old building | 1st April |
| Removal company to clear old building | 6th-9th April |
| Move to the new building | 6th-16th April |
| Start of Term (staff only) | |
| And Years 11 & 13 in retained area | 19th April |
| Staff unpacking & induction | 19th-23rd April |
| Critical classes (exams etc) to continue | |
| In the retained building | 19th-23rd April |
| Start of term (students) | 26th April |
| Student Induction – phased return | 26th-30th April |

Monday 26th April – Years 11 & 12
Tuesday 27th April – Years 9 & 10
Wednesday 28th April – Years 7 & 8

We are aiming to cause minimum disruption to student’s learning and are therefore expecting Years 11 & 13 to return to school on the first day of term, they are to be taught in the retained area (the part of the school which is not being demolished). The reason for the phased return to school for students in each Year group is because they have to have a full day’s induction in order to:

- Become familiar with the building
- Become aware of appropriate routes around the building from one lesson to another
- Be issued with their notebooks and have appropriate training
- Be issued with their identity cards to enable them to have access to library books, photocopying etc



Following the student's return to school we will be holding a number of open days/weekends for parents in order for you to view the new building and the facilities on offer.

Please see the school's website for updates of progress to the new school, www.wsbe.org.uk.

E-LEARNING INFORMATION EVENINGS
Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 March 2010

I am writing to give you further details of our e-Learning Information Evening for students and parents/carers.

The way children learn at Writhlington School has changed dramatically over the past few years; the introduction of computer technology into the classroom has allowed our teachers to develop new and exciting ways of delivering lessons, and tailor learning to meet individual student needs.

As part of our move to the new £25 million school, we have developed a project enabling every student to have their own laptop computer, transforming learning both in school and at home.

The Information Evening will enable you to see the actual laptops that students will be using, and find out more about the innovative ways in which they will be used to extend and enrich learning. We will also be providing information about the scheme itself and the support we need from parents to make the project sustainable.

We have organised six separate Information Evenings across two nights to enable all parents and children to attend. The sessions are organised by year group; parents with more than one child in the school need only attend one session. If it is not possible for you to attend the session for your child's year group, we would ask you to join another year's session as it is important for all parents to attend.

Please note that since our initial letter before Christmas we have amended the dates of the Information Evenings, which allows for the completion of student trials in advance of the project launch.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at the Information Evening, and sharing our exciting plans with you.

Please complete and return to your child's form tutor by Monday 1st March

NAME(s):

TUTOR GROUP(s):

We will attend the Information Evening session indicated below (please circle)

| Tuesday 23 March | | | Wednesday 24 March | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| YEAR 7 | YEAR 9 | YEAR 12 | YEAR 8 | YEAR 10 | YEAR 11 |
| 6.30- 7.30pm | 7.30- 8.30pm | 8.30- 9.30pm | 6.30- 7.30pm | 7.30- 8.30pm | 8.30- 9.30pm |

Yours sincerely



Marie Getheridge
Headteacher