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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of a very exciting opportunity which is being offered for all our children and school community.

Plymouth City Council are proposing, in agreement with Westcountry Schools Trust, that Dunstone Primary School **relocate** from its current site to a brand new purpose built, state of the art school with the latest technology and resourcing.

The new school building is planned within the Saltram Meadow development in Plymstock. This development has always included building a primary school. This will be fully funded by the developer at an estimated cost of around £7million. Rather than build an extra school at this time (which is not needed in Plymstock) it is now considered that this will be the best solution for the area.

The proposed date of completion is September 2019.



Our school has been identified, as the current school building and facilities require very significant investment compared to other local schools, which have already benefitted from major modernisation programmes. We strongly feel therefore that this is the most desirable option given the pupil population within the Plymstock area and the need to provide our children with a fully modernised school environment with the very latest facilities. This will safeguard both the future of our school and other schools within the area.

This also comes at a time when Plymouth City Council is seeking alternative educational use on our current site which they have confirmed will only be used for this purpose.

The proposal will enable the existing school to be located in a brand new purpose built school with an integrated nursery and excellent community facilities, which include an all-weather sports field for shared use and forest area for outdoor learning use. It will also be built to the highest 'eco' and sustainable specification.

The new school will be built on the originally agreed two form entry basis by the developer but will remain one form entry when it opens to match the current demand. In the meantime, the Westcountry Schools Trust will use the surplus space to accommodate its main administration and training facilities.

Our CEO for WeST: Rob Haring states: "We are very pleased to be working in close partnership with Plymouth in order to deliver a solution which is in the best interests of all the parties involved. Whilst keenly aware of the sensitivities of relocating from the existing site, this is a fantastic opportunity to move into a brand new school with the very latest facilities. The intention is to fully explain this within the consultation and find solutions to manage any concerns which arise."

A four-week consultation led by the Trust will begin today with both our families and other local stakeholders in order to share information and gather views on the proposed move.

You are invited to an open event at school on Tuesday 25th September at 6:00, to see the plans in more detail, ask questions and raise any concerns that you may have. Key staff and WeST representatives, including the CEO, will be present.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the great support that has been shown in our improvement journey up to this point and hope you will share our belief that this is the next step in creating the very best facilities that the children deserve.

Our school ethos, learning culture and values; the 'heart and soul' of our school, will remain the same and move with us to the new site. It is our intention that the children will be absolutely integral in helping to lead this project forward.

I look forward to hearing your views on the proposal via e-mail to office@dunstoneprimary.co.uk with the subject 'Consultation Comments'.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Katie Patrick