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Dear Parent/Carer

Admissions 2011/12

Schools have asked to comment by Hampshire County Council on the plans governing schools' admissions for September 2011.

The proposed timetable means that parents applying for Junior School places will not be told of the outcome of their application for a place until 6th May 2011 – those applying this year were told on 29th January 2010!

This late notification will give schools little time to plan budget and staffing levels in time for the start of the new school year. Families will have a long period of uncertainty awaiting the outcome of their application. In particular, children will suffer as the programmes to ease their transfer to their new junior schools - activities to enable children to become comfortable about their new school - will have to be planned and executed over a much more limited period during the summer term prior to their transfer.

Our experience this year is that mistakes can be made in the admissions process – we have been affected by two serious errors ourselves this year but, as these were uncovered in January, they were able to be corrected in good time. May notification means that such errors - and appeals - will have to be dealt with under great time pressure as the new school year approaches.

Local Head teachers have made their representations at District level and the NE Hants Governors Association is also making its views known.

We would welcome the support of parents especially from those who will be making an application for a Junior School place for September 2011.

With this letter is a draft, which you may wish to use as it is or in part. It contains the name and address of the person to whom submissions should be made. There is a short timescale for the consultation and responses should be submitted by 1st March 2010.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman of Governors

Kate Fuller
Head teacher