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Dear Parents/Carers

Further to last week's development control committee decision, please find attached a letter from the LEA explaining the current situation and their next course of action.

We appreciate that you may have questions many of which cannot be answered at the present time. However, until the LEA has met with the DfES, future options cannot be clarified.

Governors are, however, interested in your views as parents, whatever your viewpoint. We would therefore encourage you to share your views by dropping a note into school or e-mailing via stocktonheath_primary@warrington.gov.uk

If any parents have particular concerns that they wish to discuss with school (headteacher or governors), please contact the office to make an appointment.

We look forward to your continued support in the education of your children which, of course, remains our primary objective.

Yours sincerely

Chris Ardern

For and on behalf of your School Governors



WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



To Parents/Carers of Pupils

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Interim Operational Director
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Dear Parents/Carers

Replacement of Stockton Heath Community Primary School Building.

I am writing to advise you of the current position regarding the building project at the school after the Development Control Committee refused the planning application. It was refused and the following reason given:

The proposed development would result in demolition of a building, which is included on the local list of buildings, which are valued as a result of their architectural or historic contribution to the local scene.

The reasons provided in support of the demolition of the existing building and the proposed new development are not considered to clearly demonstrate justification for the removal of the existing structure.

Development is thereby considered to fail to meet the tests required by policy BH5 of the Warrington Unitary Development Plan.

The Children's Directorate is reviewing the options available to it and has asked to meet with the DfES to establish if the grant can be carried forward and be spent on a revised planning application for the school. At the moment all work on the new building project is postponed, i.e. temporary kitchen, archaeological works, movement of one of the Stay and Play clubs, etc.

Norma Cadwallader
Interim Strategic Director
Children's Services

Chief Executive
David Whitehead

The situation the Council has found itself in is very unusual and every effort will be made to ensure we provide the best opportunities for the children and that the resources made available are used appropriately. I will update you when I have received clarification from the DfES and hopefully meet with Stakeholders to discuss the options in April.

Yours sincerely

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