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20 June 2017

Dear Parent,

It is possible that, by the time you receive this letter, you will have heard, already, the outcome of the meeting where Councillor Peter Edgar, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Education, considered the recommendation to discontinue Fort Hill Community School and amalgamate it with Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College.

At the meeting, that took place yesterday afternoon (Monday 19 June), Councillor Edgar agreed that the amalgamation of the two schools should go ahead. This means that, technically, Fort Hill will close on 31 August.

As a result of this decision a Temporary Governing Body (TGB) has been formed and they, alongside Mrs Aplin the current head teacher at Cranbourne, will now oversee the transition of staff and students to the newly expanded school.

At the meeting, the County Council has stated that the Fort Hill site will continue to be available for two years, in order for the current Years 9 and 10 to be educated there if the members of the TGB decide that this would be the best arrangement for them. If this were to happen the pupils' education would be under the direction of Cranbourne Enterprise and Business College.

For all other year groups, arrangements will now be made for the two schools to be combined on the Cranbourne site, since the Fort Hill site is not large enough to accommodate a combined school for Years 7 to 11.

I am sure you can appreciate that there will be a great deal of work to be done over the next few weeks to get everything in place for September 2017. More details about the next steps and timeline for the implementation of the changes, will be communicated to you as soon as these are agreed and confirmed.

Please be assured that I and the members of the both the federation governing body and CBEC temporary governing body, will do all we can to ensure the transition to an amalgamated school will be as smooth as possible. We know it has been a worrying time for many of you and your children and we are also acutely aware that this move has not been a popular prospect for some.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and support in our aim to ensure your children have access to a good education. .

Ahead of more confirmed details being available, if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to email [gen.enquiries@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:gen.enquiries@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk)

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Crawford (Chair of the Federation Governing Body)