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Dear parent / carer

RE: Proposed Eastbourne Academy on the ETC site

I am pleased to announce that Government has agreed that the proposal for an Academy on the ETC site can move to the next stage. The Academy would be developed by Sussex Downs College in partnership with East Sussex County Council and the University of Brighton.

The next stage is to prepare the detailed plans for the Academy. This includes the courses that would be offered to students, the school timetable, the key elements of the new building and so forth.

During November and December there will be consultation with parents, pupils, staff and the community about the Academy proposal. I will write to you again on 9 November with details of this process, and you will receive two documents: one about the new Academy, and one about the need to close ETC to allow the new Academy to be created.

To remind you, the new Academy would be on the existing ETC site and would admit the same number of students as ETC currently does using the same admissions criteria. The Academy would open in September 2010, and the target date to complete the new building is 2013.

All students who would be at ETC in September 2010 would automatically become part of the Academy and you would not need to do anything. This would also apply to any students due to start at ETC in September 2010.

Yours sincerely



Matt Dunkley
Director of Children's Services