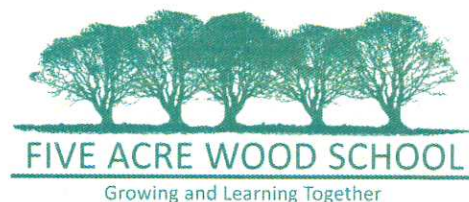


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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that the consultation regarding Holmesdale Technology School, our increase in numbers and the establishment of an Observation and Assessment Nursery provision has now been agreed.

This means that we will increase our numbers to 330 pupils, including a 15 place Nursery provision, following the completion of the new build, which will hopefully be September 2017. The increase will not happen overnight, and will obviously take some time. The Nursery will be part of the new build and refurbishment on the Boughton Lane Site.

We are extremely fortunate to have KCC supporting us in our move to Holmesdale, as they are financing the refurbishment of the current facilities and a new, purpose built classroom accommodation. Progress photographs are on the website. When we held the consultation meetings in June, parents and carers had the opportunity to discuss the consultation with us and KCC officials both here, at the Boughton Lane site and also at Holmesdale. In total, across both meetings, only 2 parents, 1 governor and a care manager attended and were able to have their questions answered. I would therefore like to explain how the Holmesdale satellite will work.

This satellite will accommodate 30 secondary aged students and 40 sixth form. The secondary provision will cater for students with Moderate Learning Difficulties, who would benefit from the opportunity to work with their mainstream peers. This would be an ideal move for those pupils attending our East Borough satellite provision, although, this may not be the case for all the pupils. Any decision to move secondary aged students to Holmesdale will be made in consultation with the student and their parents or carers. At present, there is a Key Stage 4 class at Aylesford, who will be moving in January 2016. The Key Stage 3 class will move in September 2016.

The current sixth form based at Aylesford, will move in January 2016. For the majority of students, when they reach the end of Key Stage 4, they will move to the base at Holmesdale. This is no different to the current set up at Aylesford. For some students, it would not be appropriate for them to be based on a mainstream site for any number of reasons, so there will always be a provision for these sixth formers at the Boughton Lane Site.

I hope this clarifies any questions you may have, but if it does not, please feel free to contact Richard, Kirstie or myself.

Yours sincerely

Peggy

