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Dear Parents

Please find attached an update on school re-organisation. The draft and 3<sup>rd</sup> model to which this refers, retains our current catchment. It was originally discussed in the partnership approximately two years ago and has been resurrected during recent discussions. This takes no account of changes in pupil numbers within catchment since that period.

The Chair of Governors and myself have some very serious concerns about this model. Knowledge of current pupil numbers is clearer.

- ❖ South Beach is popular, flourishing and was described by OFSTED as outstanding. There is a growing demand for places from outside the catchment (some near and some further away) as well as growth due to new build within.
- ❖ Knowledge of current and future pupil numbers indicate that a two form entry for South Beach ie: 60 children per year (currently 78 max) is insufficient to serve its own community ie: there will be a number of children who will be unable to attend South Beach who live on the estate. The view expressed in discussion with LEA officers is that parents will have to accept an alternative (New Delaval, Newsham, Croftway) where there are places.
- ❖ Pupils out of catchment will also be unable to attend.

In short, this appears to flaunt knowingly the principles of parental choice and schools serving their community.

It is only proper that you understand the situation so that you can express an informed view at consultation stages.

Yours sincerely

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