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Dear Parent/Carer

School Expansion

Our school roll is rising and we are in the midst of planning new school buildings to accommodate this increase in student numbers.

You will be aware that Ashbourne like many areas is currently experiencing significant housing development. In 2016-17, our school roll increased by 64 students taking our roll up to 1364 for September 2017. We are now very close to reaching our capacity and projections estimate up to 205 additional students will come from the local housing developments. As the only secondary school in Ashbourne, coupled with a 'Good and Outstanding' Ofsted profile, we are committed to providing high quality education for all students living in our locality.

Therefore, we will be making a formal application to the Department of Education to increase our capacity to 1600 students. To reach this size is likely to take between 5-10 years. However, we want to be proactive and ensure we make effective plans now and are ready to maintain our high standards at all times. Our Admissions process and catchment area will remain unchanged by this application. We are simply looking to accommodate increased numbers in our 'normal' area.

We have two phases of expansion planned, each will be located at our Boothby Meadows site and will be sited on and around existing buildings.

If you would like to offer any feedback and/or views on our plans to expand, please put these in writing, addressed to me before Monday 8th October 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher