

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Building Schools for the Future

I am writing to you to update you of the progress we have made in planning for the transformation of education at Winchelsea.

Bournemouth and Poole have submitted their Joint Strategy for Change to the Department for Children, Schools and Families. This summarises their plans to transform education and the lives of all children and young people. In this it is proposed that Winchelsea will be **totally rebuilt on the current site.**

I am pleased with this because it became clear from the consultation that the school community was not in favour of collocation with the proposed Rossmore Academy.

It is also worth noting that of the 9 schools in Wave 6 of BSF, only 2 (ourselves and Montacute) have been identified for 100% new build.

The vision is for Winchelsea to be a community school, able to offer a full range of services to the whole learning community, including:

- Flexible learning spaces adaptable to personalise learning
- Specialist teaching areas and facilities
- High quality 14-19 provision
- Specialist provision for children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Collaboration with community of schools
- Training facilities for the community, mainstream schools and others
- Integrated services (social support, health, and therapy) on one community site.

I am particularly pleased that we will be able to extend our age range and offer education to 18 pupils aged 16-19.

The proposed build start date is December 2001 for completion in December 2013. Projected costs are £10.3 million.

The next major piece of work to be done is completion of the Outline Business Case (OBC). At the same time, we have a group of our pupils working with the Sorrell Foundation, which is an organization which guides pupils in having an input into the design for the new school.