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Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Expansion of St. Joachim's to 2 Form Entry school**

It has been the desire of the Diocese of Brentwood to expand St. Joachim's school for many years due to the continual over-subscription of places. As many of you know, each year we have been highly oversubscribed for places and so have not been able to meet the demand for places in our school.

After 2 years of planning, surveying, consulting and bidding on Monday we were informed that we will receive the funding required to expand the school from the Education Funding Agency. This achievement has only been possible because we converted to a multi academy school with St. Helen's and therefore we were able to bid for national funding.

We now have diocesan approval, secretary of state approval, planning permission and the funding in place.

**What happens next?**

We will now work to put our plans into motion. The design plan will go out to tender and a contractor will be appointed. It is planned that the work will start sometime between August and October. The work is estimated to finish by August 2018. We will expect to take our first 2 form entry Reception intake in September 2018.

**Where will the expansion be?**

One block of about 8 classrooms and a study area will be built as a 2 storey block at the front of the school. This will be integrated and linked with our existing block. The Inclusion Room and St. Anne's room will be demolished to facilitate this (The classes with a pitched roof on Shipman Road side of the school). The porter cabin will be removed and the hall will be expanded.

**The impact of the building work**

There will be considerable impact as a result of the building work and it will require us all to be flexible and imaginative and most importantly patient and tolerant.

On the reverse of this letter is an architect's impression of the future development. We will try to get the drawings put onto our website also.

It will be quite a challenging time for us next year because of the works taking place which will have impact throughout the school. We will work hard and ensure we maintain our high standards and provide the best possible education as always to all our children. Thankfully we have excellent professional staff, very supportive parents and governors and wonderful children so we will be able to accommodate the forthcoming changes. I look forward to all your support as always during this period of our school development.

Finally, we promise to keep you informed of developments as they happen over the next year or so. Please feel free to ask any questions and we will endeavour to answer them.

Yours sincerely,

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Mick Coleman  
Chair of Governors





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