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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Lonsdale School

I am writing to let you know that the County Council is considering whether or not to undertake a public consultation on expanding the size of the school. I wanted to let you know well in advance of any decision on this; the matter will be discussed at the Council's Education, Libraries and Life-long Learning Panel on 14th September, and a decision on whether or not to consult made at Cabinet on 18th September. This would relate to expansion of the school in September 2024. As part of the process we would consult in more detail with parents, staff and other stakeholders in the autumn term, and arrange a meeting with you. We would not expect any final decision on whether or not to proceed to be made until late spring next year. The additional day places would occupy the space currently allocated to the Residential Education Provision, which would formally be closed.

We have discussed the broad principles with your Governing Board, who are happy with the approach proposed. You will also appreciate that I cannot at this stage provide you with full details, since we have chosen to let you know in advance of any formal decision to consult being made and in advance of detailed proposals being developed.

Please contact education.planning@hertfordshire.gov.uk should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simon Newland".

Simon Newland
Director, Education