



Stretton School

Independent Nursery and Preparatory School for Boys and Girls

Established 1969

26 February 2017

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Dear Parents

Re: Stretton School

I am writing to keep you updated on the discussions that are currently underway in relation to the future of Stretton School.

Since the passing of Yvonne Barnett in late 2016 there has been a period of change at the School, during which I have, as you know, had overall responsibility for the running of the School. As time has progressed I am now in a position where I, together with my brother, have been able to properly assess the running of the School and the needs of its pupils and parents. I am sure you have noticed that the School has fewer pupils than it has enjoyed in previous years, and, particularly with the opening of the Norwich School Pre-Prep, in all likelihood those pupil numbers will continue to fall. That, coupled with high running costs of the School, means that the School is becoming increasingly unviable.

You will know that the current Headmistress, Anita Barclay, will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term for pastures new, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Barclay the very best of luck in her new role and to thank her unreservedly for her help and support for the School over the past 15 years. I am sure you will all join me in expressing that gratitude to Mrs Barclay.

Sadly though, taking all of the above factors into account, the preliminary view has been formed that we may need to close the School at the end of the Summer Term (6 July 2018). I am currently in consultation with the staff on any ways in which this can be avoided, and of course we hope to be able to identify an alternative solution, but I think it is only fair to give you as much notice as possible that, currently, the closure of the School is a possibility.

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If you would like to meet with me or Mrs Barclay to discuss this further then please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will arrange a meeting.

I will of course keep you updated as soon as a decision has been taken either way.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne the Barclay".

PP Malcolm Barnett
Proprietor