



# HILLSIDE INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents

We are writing to inform you of some significant changes that are taking place at Hillside in the near future.

During the last few months, the Local Authority have undertaken feasibility studies to decide whether the permanent expansion of Hillside Infant and Junior Schools in the long term would be an option for providing enough school places for local children in our area. The Local Authority have now informed us that permanent expansion is a viable option at Hillside, as well as at two other schools. The Local Authority is now working on plans to be submitted and when planning is approved, the Governors and Senior Leaders will be fully involved in ensuring that we get the best out of plans for our children.

In the short-term, we will be admitting 90 pupils into Reception in September 2016. In order to accommodate this increase, temporary classrooms will be installed in the playground during the summer holidays. The remaining parts of the playground will be renovated to ensure that we are still able to provide sufficient space for our children to play.

Yesterday afternoon the Local Authority issued a press statement which we would like to share with you in full:

## *Hillside Schools to be Expanded*

*As part of its £150m primary school expansion programme, Hillingdon council has announced that Hillside Schools are set to grow.*

*In anticipation of more pupils arriving at the school from September 2017 onwards, a new temporary classroom will be installed during the summer holidays.*

*This temporary classroom will enable children in the area to access high quality education close to home.*

*The changes at Hillside Schools are the latest step in Hillingdon Council's school building and expansion programme. They will enable the schools to accommodate an additional class in each year group to meet the increasing demand for primary place in the borough.*

*Hillingdon Council has been striving to meet this demand by investing £150 million in a primary school building and expansion programme which is one of the biggest in London.*

*The council is intending to permanently expand Hillside Infant and Junior Schools, Newnham Infant and Junior Schools and Warrender Primary School. Additional classrooms will be added over the summer holidays when needed, minimizing disruption to the school timetable and accommodating new pupils from, September 2016.*

*Cllr David Simmons, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet member for Education and Children's Services said "Hillingdon Council is committed to helping children in the borough to access their chosen schools. The expansion of Hillside Schools is the next step in an ongoing programme of council funded school improvements and new builds."*

We would like to assure you that the welfare and education of the children at Hillside Schools, both present and future, remains our highest priority. We are very proud of our schools, our ethos and the opportunities we provide. We look forward to providing these opportunities for an increasing number of children in the future.

Yours Sincerely



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