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Dear Parents

Re: Older classes

The Cabot Learning Federation and Haywood Village Academy are committed to supporting the needs of the local community in Haywood Village. At the request of the Local Authority and local families we have explored the possibility of opening further year groups within the Academy, reviewing this demand a number of times over the last two years. This has led to some previously unplanned changes to the scale of the provision, including the introduction of a new Year 1 cohort in February 2017 and new nursery provision from September 2017. However, after careful consideration we can now confirm that we will be unable to extend the current age range to open classes in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 for this current academic year at the academy.

In response to recent requests to extend the provision at the academy further, we considered the feasibility of adding additional year-groups mid-year in relation to the impact this would have on the educational experience of all pupils (including new joiners) and the financial viability of maintaining the additional classes. To inform this process, we contacted the families of those who had previously expressed an interest in school places for Years 3 to 6 in July 2017 to check whether they remained interested in these places. However, the number of positive responses was very low, with many children having secured alternative school places. Informed by this research, we felt that it was not feasible to create new classes mid-term in the current academic year.

We appreciate that this decision may be disappointing for some families and we will continue to work closely with North Somerset Council to understand future school place requirements in Haywood Village and the immediate surrounding areas.

Yours faithfully

Craig Jones

Principal