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**Dear Parents** 

We are delighted to inform you that the government have announced today funding for a complete rebuild of Hartshill School as part of the transformative School rebuilding programme. This announcement is fantastic news for our pupils, our staff and our local communities.

The school will have a complete rebuild, with brand new state of the art facilities. Work is due to start by the end of this year. The three-year redevelopment project will deliver a transformative facility that is fit for 21st century teaching and will be carbon neutral by design.

A new and inspiring school building will raise aspirations for pupils, giving them access to resources and equipment that will further prepare them for future employment.

The new school be based on a single building developed adjacent to the existing premises at Church Road. The aim is to provide a welcoming and secure environment with open spaces and wide corridors that encourages pupils to engage fully in their learning. Sustainability will be at the heart of the new school's design with facilities making as much use as possible of natural light, with efficient use of power helping to deliver fully carbon neutral credentials.

Hartshill School has a long tradition of educating pupils and enabling them to develop and create successful futures. Inevitably with any organisation with a strong heritage, wear and tear on its facilities have taken their toll on our buildings. What is more, as education has changed, we need to adapt to new styles of learning and provide alternative and better resources. As we continue to carry out regular maintenance to improve current facilities and resources at the school, we are focusing on investing in equipment that can easily be moved to the new building when it is completed.

It is our intention that school life will continue uninterrupted on the same site during redevelopment and that the school will move into its new building when it has been completed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us in our endeavours to secure the funding for the rebuild.

We will keep you informed as the project develops and will where possible involve pupil and parent representatives in aspects of the design and vision for the new school.

Best wishes

Marion Plant OBE

Chief Executive Officer







