

2nd February 2018

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to the parents who attended our meeting last Wednesday where we discussed the future of Bowes Southgate Green, along with representatives from the Local Authority. It was so good to hear your positive comments about the school and we share your desire to keep it open and running into the future. As you heard during the evening, a great deal of work has gone on behind the scenes in order to secure a permanent solution for the school. We have been in regular communication with the Local Authority, Broomfield and the Department for Education in order to find a way forward.

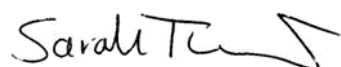
I thought that it would be helpful to confirm the options that we believe are available to us.

1. Continue to liaise with Broomfield and arrange an urgent meeting to try and secure our current accommodation on their site with a longer lease. This will enable us to make future plans for the school, in partnership with the main Bowes site.
2. Should a new school (Grovelands) be built there, Enfield Learning Trust will contact the Department for Education to request that we are selected to run the new free school. This will give you an opportunity to transfer to the new school should you wish.
3. If Broomfield will only offer us a seven-year lease, we will have to cease admitting pupils at Bowes Southgate Green. However please be assured that we will continue to offer a place for your child until they leave in Year 6. We have taken on board your concerns regarding younger siblings and we are looking to see if we can change our admission policy to allow them to have a priority place at Bowes New Southgate. We will let you know when we have any more information regarding this.

As promised we will arrange another meeting before the end of Spring Term to update you on the situation.

Thanks once again for coming and showing your support.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Turner
Chief Executive Officer