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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of forthcoming changes to the organisation of Graham School. As many of you will be aware Graham School federated with Raincliffe School in 2010 and subsequently amalgamated in September 2012, operating across two sites, Woodlands Drive, Upper School and Lady Edith's Drive, Lower School. At that time the school population was 1579 students. However, in each successive year since the amalgamation, the large 'amalgamated' year groups have left the school and as a consequence the number of students currently attending Graham School is 1065. Therefore, the need to operate over two sites is no longer required. Graham School prior to amalgamation had 1300 students on Woodlands Drive.

Operating on two sites has had its challenges over the years; one impact has been the wear and tear on staff who have to transfer across sites during the day; another aspect is the difficulty of timetabling to minimise the number of transfers that colleagues have to undertake, this can result in more split groups than we would like to have in school and the impact to the school budget of running two sites is also a significant issue.

The school has been in discussion with the Local Authority (LA) for the last 18 months seeking a positive resolution to the site issues and the LA have been very supportive in looking for a positive way forward and will work closely with the school to achieve a positive transition to a single site from September 2017.

I will update parents of Year 7 and 8 students on how we will support the transition to upper school in the summer term. Obviously, Year 8 students would have been moving up anyway, but we will be putting plans in place in the latter half of the summer term to ensure that all students are fully acquainted with the upper school site.

If you want to discuss this matter with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Helen McEvoy
Headteacher