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Dear Parents and Carers

Planned Expansion of St Nicholas and Fir Tree Schools

As you may be aware, a new building for St Nicholas School, located on the new Highcroft development, has been granted planning permission and is expected to open from September 2026 as a full primary school with nursery (age range 3-11). There are also plans for Fir Tree Junior school to extend its age range to full primary phase with nursery from 2026.

This is a really positive and exciting development for the community of Wallingford, made possible by funding attached to the new housing development. There will be period of consultation from 5th September 2024 - 10th October 2024, during which we will hold an information evening. We would be very grateful to hear your thoughts on how we can best meet your needs from the new arrangements.

Information evening for parents/carers: St Nicholas and Fir Tree expansion

Tuesday 17th September 2024, 7pm

Wallingford Sports Park

Hithercroft Rd, Wallingford

OX10 9RB

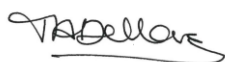
The meeting will be of particular benefit to those of you with children currently in nursery provision up to Year 3, or with children expecting to join the schools prior to September 2026.

We will also share further information and a Q&A as part of the consultation period in September. In the meantime, if you have queries you can email ODST.consultations@oxford.anglican.org and we will incorporate those into the information provided during the consultation.

Detailed admissions and transition arrangements for September 2026 are still to be confirmed, but please be assured that the best interests of the children and our two school communities will be at the heart of plans. Between the two schools there will of course be enough places to cater for all children currently enrolled and those joining us in September, with more in the future.

We are very proud of the close relationship that St Nicholas and Fir Tree schools enjoy. In the coming months, the school leaders, staff and local governing bodies will be working together to ensure the schools retain this collaborative culture, as well as their own unique ethos and vision, through the transition period and into the next chapter as two primary schools.

Thank you for your continued support for the schools,



Anne Dellar
Chief Executive, ODST