

Our Ref: BSN/KON

July 2016

**ALL PARENTS**

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are no doubt aware, the Governors have been contesting the Local Authority's decision to place additional pupils at Dormston following the closure of The Coseley School. The school decided to appeal this decision with the Secretary of State for Education. In the last few days we have received a reply.

The Secretary of State for Education has required Dormston to take the pupils. Whilst we are disappointed with this decision we will honor it. We would also like to stress that any dispute was never with the pupils or parents of our new pupils. We would also like to make clear that when we return in September we will see no distinction between existing and new pupils and will continue to try and do our best for each individual child.

Prior to any decision being taken Dormston has put into place a detailed and thorough contingency plan. The significant change in pupils will inevitably lead to some changes but we believe that the plan we have put into place will keep them to a minimum. However, it will be necessary to take the following steps:

- Whilst no pupils will be required to change House some will have to move tutor group. We have worked hard to ensure that this is done as sensitively as possible so that friendship groups remain together. We will write to you during the holidays if your child will be moving. Staff will be available in school from 12.00pm until 1.00pm on 24 August 2016 to discuss any issues that you might have.

The transition for pupils (new and old), staff and parents/carers might be difficult. However, we have a good school with strong foundations and we will work hard to continue to move forward for the benefit of all. I would ask for your patience and support over the coming months.

Please contact the school with any issues or concerns.

As always, thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

**Mr B A Stitchman**  
**Head Teacher**