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Dear Families

I hope you had a wonderful half term and are feeling refreshed and rested. It's great to have you all back with us and we are so excited about what this last half term of the year holds for us.

I know some of you have been waiting for a decision around our nursery and primary phase opening dates and I can now tell you that we have made the decision to open the primary phase of Bohunt Horsham in September 2024, to allow the all-through school to grow with the community that is being built around us.

Having moved to our wonderful new secondary building, our focus now is on preparing our nursery and primary phases to be the best they can be for the growing Horsham community and on supporting our secondary cohort of students through the next two years. We plan to open the primary phase to reception – the first year of primary education – in September 2024 and grow the school year on year from that point. Applications (which will be made through WSCC) will open in September 2023 and close on 15 January 2024.

We are very excited that our nursery phase will be opening before 2024 and that opportunities for our current students to learn about child development, childcare and early years education will arise from the nursery but I do understand that the news of a 2024 opening of the primary phase may be disappointing to some families.

However, with further building developments taking place on the doorstep of the primary school site over the coming months and the expected development of houses on the new Mowbray development, in keeping with our commitment to serving Horsham's wider community, we are keen that we develop our school at a pace that follows the growth of the population.

With best wishes

Georgette Ayling

Headteacher