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Dear parents and carers

I'm writing to inform you that on Thursday 23 February from 5.30pm, Herefordshire Council's Cabinet will be discussing a proposal to progress the permanent expansion of Aylestone School.

If the scheme is approved next Thursday and planning permission is granted, we will see a £13.1 million investment in the school from the council and the Department for Education (DfE).

The proposed project includes some remodelling of the existing school and the provision of a new teaching block and sports hall.

The significant investment in new facilities would greatly benefit both current and future students of Aylestone.

Expanding the school would increase our capacity and enable us to provide 300 additional places for students from September 2026, in response to rising numbers of children in Hereford City.

If the expansion goes ahead, increasing the size of Aylestone would mean that we remain a smaller school in the city but also allows us to offer more opportunities, both through the curriculum and also extracurricular activities, providing children with the opportunity to continue their education in our thriving, collaborative and caring school.

If you would like to read more about the proposals, please visit the [council's website](#). The full report can be viewed [here](#). There will be a link available on the [webpage](#) to listen to the cabinet meeting on 23 February live or listen back afterwards.

I will of course update you on the outcome of the meeting.

In the meantime, I wish you all an enjoyable half term break.

Mr Simon Robertson
Executive Headteacher