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Dear Parent/Carer

22nd April 2024

Re: The Future of Our School

I am writing to invite every parent/carers to come along to a briefing session on Thursday 2nd May at 5.30pm to learn about the future of our school. I cannot emphasise strongly enough how important this briefing is.

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that despite making 7 posts redundant in December 2023, we are still not financially secure moving forward over the next few years. This is due to a wide range of reasons which I will share with you at the briefing.

Incredibly difficult decisions are currently being made, which I feel should be shared with you so that you understand the current situation.

Our school is not alone in finding itself in this position. Numerous schools in the Trust, in County Durham and Nationally are facing these hard situations. You will no doubt have seen in the news about the national falling birth rate, impact on SEND support and staffing in schools.

As hard as it is, the main focus for myself, the Trust, the Academy Council and the Senior Leadership Team is to take the tough decisions which will financially secure the school's future and ensure that we continue to have a school in Stanhope in the future.

Myself, the Senior Leadership Team and Sarah Haynes (Chair of the Academy Council) will all be present at the briefing and I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross
Head Teacher

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