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To: All Parents and Carers of Pupils attending  
Rosehill School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I'm writing to share with you exciting news for Rosehill School and the whole school community. Nottingham City Council has been discussing with the school leadership our ambition to create more pupil places for Rosehill School. This is in recognition of the growing need for additional places for children who would be able to benefit from the excellent education and care we know that you value so highly.

The Council has identified a budget to support this ambition, but we can't add any additional classrooms to the current buildings, as the site is at its full capacity. Therefore, we have been looking for suitable sites where we can develop a new school building to operate in addition to the current school.

You may be aware that a new primary school has been built in the city, funded by the Department for Education of the government, which was intended to serve the new Waterside housing developments in Sneinton and Colwick. However, due to lower numbers of children than expected living in the new neighbourhood, it has become clear that a new mainstream primary school is not required.

The Council has been in discussion with the Department for Education about the future use of the new school, and our wish to expand the provision of places at Rosehill, due to the increasing number of children with autism and complex learning needs. As a result of these discussions, we are delighted to have received their agreement that the new school building at Waterside can be given to Rosehill in order to become its second site. This is a great opportunity to provide a brand-new school building, to ensure more children are able to access the outstanding education provided by Rosehill.

As the school was built as a mainstream primary school, we will need to make some adaptations to the building to ensure it fully meets the needs of Rosehill pupils. We will work with the school leadership to plan this, and we hope the building will be available to accept pupils in 2026. We will ensure that children who continue to attend the St. Matthias Road site and those who will attend at the Waterside building enjoy the same outstanding experience.

I recognise that this is a big development for the school, but I wish to assure you that the Council is committed to working with the school to ensure that the experience of all current pupils is not affected by the work we need to do to open the second site.

We will, of course, want to involve parents and carers and children in the planning of the new building and ensure that there is regular communication as the project to open the new school building progresses.

I hope you share our excitement that this news will ensure that current and future children attending Rosehill will benefit from the opportunities that an expanded school will bring.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Nardone', written in a cursive style.

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