

AYLESTONE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing to inform you that on Thursday 23 February, Herefordshire Council's cabinet discussed a proposal to progress the permanent expansion of Aylestone School. The cabinet members made the decision that the scheme should go-ahead.

If 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 will greatly benefit both current and future students of Aylestone.

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

If planning permission is approved and the expansion project goes ahead, increasing the size of Aylestone will mean that we remain a smaller school in the city but also allow us to offer more opportunities, both through the curriculum and also extracurricular activities. We will continue to provide our students with the opportunity to continue their education in our thriving, collaborative and caring school.

If you would like to read more about the Aylestone School expansion scheme, the full report can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Simon Robertson

Executive Headteacher