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Dear Parent/Carer

CLOSURE OF BIRKDALE HIGH SCHOOL

As you will be aware the decision to close Birkdale High School was made in December 2010.

The Dewsbury Learning Trust and Governors of Westborough High School have agreed to take on the responsibility of the Birkdale site, which will be re-named as Westborough High School, Halifax Road campus. This will mean that the Senior Team at Westborough will lead and manage the Halifax Road site as a campus of Westborough.

The current Birkdale students will become Westborough students but will remain on the Birkdale site to finish their education thus allowing them to have the routine and stability that every child needs in order to succeed.

Your son or daughter will be educated at Westborough exactly as they are now. There will be no disruption to their school day and they will still have the teachers they have now.

We do however want to ensure that students and staff on both campuses are able to come together at times throughout the next few years to work on joint projects, events etc. in order to ensure that we have a fully cohesive student body and a school that everyone feels part of.

Both Westborough and Birkdale have worked very hard over the past few years to raise standards. The good GCSE examination results that both schools have achieved in the past few years are testament to this and give us a strong platform to move forward to further success. The Governors and staff of Westborough are very dedicated to ensuring that the children on both sites achieve their very best and that examination results continue to show an upward trend.

There will be a small increase in student numbers in September 2011 when our Year 7 intake increases from 180 to 240 due to the re-organisation of education generally in North Kirklees. The Local Authority is providing us with extra accommodation in the form of good quality modular classrooms which will be on site for September 2011.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher