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Dear Parents/Guardians

### Arden 2020 Vision

I wrote to you a couple of weeks ago about our ambitious plans to build a new school. This is linked to the need to build more houses in our local area due to both economic growth and a local housing shortage. SMBC have identified the need to build 1000 more houses locally and we are now moving into a critical stage of the consultation process which is linked to the Draft Local Plan for Solihull.

Our site has been identified within the Draft Local Plan as a site with potential for development. If our site is given approval for planning we believe that we can proceed with a forward thinking land swap deal. We hope to realise a new £30M 'state of the art' school in return for the very generous support from a local landowner where some 450 housing units will be built.

This is a chance in a lifetime opportunity to create a 21<sup>st</sup> century school fit for purpose whilst creating opportunities and new community facilities for everyone, young and old, in our local area.

We are therefore seeking your support to help create a brand new secondary school for our community with all the benefits that this will bring for future generations.

We would encourage you to have a look at our updated plans on [our website](#) and the full Draft Local Plan on the [SMBC](#) website. We are still at the early stages of realising the vision of a new school and there will be many feasibility surveys and events taking place over the year ahead. This particular consultation ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**We would be really grateful if you could complete and return the consultation form overleaf to reception at school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

**Martin Murphy**  
Executive Principal

Enc: Arden questionnaire overleaf.

