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Dear Families,

I am delighted to share some excellent news with you. At the meeting this evening, North Tyneside Cabinet approved our *Viable Alternative to Closure* proposal. This decision secures a strong and exciting future for our school and reflects the belief, dedication, and hard work of our entire community.

As part of this approval, the school will expand its age range in a phased approach over the coming years:

- September 2027 – Introduction of Year 9
- September 2028 – Introduction of Year 10
- September 2029 – Introduction of Year 11

This development means that children will be able to continue their education with us for longer, benefitting from the strong relationships, high-quality teaching, and nurturing environment that make our school such a special place. It also ensures continuity and stability for families who value the ethos and culture we have built together.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the incredible support you have shown throughout what has sometimes been a challenging and uncertain time. Your messages, attendance at meetings, and continued trust in the school have made such a difference. I am truly grateful.

I would also like to recognise our wonderful children, whose resilience, enthusiasm, and positivity have been a constant source of motivation for us all. And of course, I must thank our staff and governors, who have worked tirelessly, remained focused on what is best for children, and shown unwavering commitment to securing the best possible future for the school.

The Cabinet's approval marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter. Over the coming months, we will work closely with the Local Authority and our Governing Body to plan the next stages carefully and ensure a smooth transition as we grow.

Headteacher: Kirsty Nichols-Mackay BSc (Hons), PGCE, NPQH
Chair of Governors: Rev Canon Dr. Hannah Cleugh



I will keep you informed at every step, and as always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Our future is bright, and I am proud of what we have achieved together.

Yours sincerely



Kirsty Nichols-Mackay
Headteacher

