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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to let you know that Suffolk County Council's Cabinet has given approval to the proposals for the future structure of schools in your area. All of the changes will come into effect in full in September 2013.

As part of these proposals, all middle schools in the area will close in August 2013, with Year 5 pupils remaining in primary schools until the age of 11 before transferring to a secondary school. (See reverse of letter for how these changes will affect your child(ren)). Funding is in place to provide additional accommodation (where required) as well as staff training and support for pupils through the changes.

The proposals, developed through consultation with local stakeholders, were initially discussed by the Cabinet in February this year. Notices were published and there was a six week representation period for members of the public to let the county council know whether they supported or objected to the proposals. In total five representations were received.

The new structure is based on principles agreed by the County Council in 2007 relating to pupil performance, the effective use of resources and creating a successful school system for the 21st Century. The changes will help us to maximise benefits from future funding opportunities.

A three year transition period has been included in the review timetable. This three year period will help to ensure adequate preparation has taken place to make the transition as smooth as possible for everyone involved.

More information about the school organisation review, including a copy of the report presented to Cabinet can be found on our website: www.suffolk.gov.uk/sor/group3.

Yours sincerely,



Director for Children and Young People's Services
Suffolk County Council

Use your child's date of birth to identify his or her school year group as at September 2009. Then, follow the chart across to the right to identify the type of school the child would attend, and the periods during which they would attend them.

Date of birth Between	Year group as at Sept 2009	Progression from Sept 2009 onwards
1st Sep 2004 and 31st Aug 2005	Reception	Start at primary school 2009, spending Year R to Year 6 there. Move to high school 2016, spending Year 7 onwards there.
1st Sep 2003 and 31st Aug 2004	1	Continue at primary school, spending Years 1 to 6 there. Move to high school 2015, spending Year 7 onwards there.
1st Sep 2002 and 31st Aug 2003	2	Continue at primary school, spending Years 2 to 6 there. Move to high school 2014, spending Year 7 onwards there.
1st Sep 2001 and 31st Aug 2002	3	Continue at primary school, spending Years 3 and 4 there. Move to middle school 2011 spending Years 5 and 6 there. Move to high school 2013 spending Year 7 onwards there.
1st Sep 2000 and 31st Aug 2001	4	Continue at primary school, spending Year 4 there. Move to middle school 2010, spending Years 5, 6 and 7 there. Move to high school 2013 spending Year 8 onwards there.
1st Sep 1999 and 31st Aug 2000	5	Continue at middle school, spending Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 there. Move to high school 2013, spending Year 9 onwards there.
1st Sep 1998 and 31st Aug 1999	6	Continue at middle school, spending Years 6, 7 and 8 there. Move to high school 2012, spending Year 9 onwards there.
1st Sep 1997 and 31st Aug 1998	7	Continue at middle school, spending Years 7 and 8 there. Move to high school 2011, spending Year 9 onwards there.
1st Sep 1996 and 31st Aug 1997	8	Continue at middle school, spending Year 8 there. Move to high school 2010, spending Year 9 onwards there.
1 st Sep 1995 and 31st Aug 1996	9	Continue at high school, spending Year 9 onwards there.
1st Sep 1994 and 31st Aug 1995	10	Continue at high school, spending Year 10 onwards there.
1st Sep 1993 and 31st Aug 1994	11	Continue at high school, spending Year 11 onwards there.