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Dear Parents and carers,

School Capacity and Development

Following a recent Newark Advertiser article, I would like to provide clarity on changes to school capacity and an exciting period of development.

Whilst the school currently accommodates over 2000 students, a number of facilities on site will be reaching the end of their operational life in the next few years and the 150 student increase reported in the Advertiser will require additional investment in new teaching spaces, allowing the school to accommodate 1850 students in the very best teaching environment. We are grateful for the support Nottinghamshire County Council is providing as we look to develop this additional capacity.

This increase will set the school's capacity at 1850, with 300 places available for Year 7 entry and 350 places in the sixth form. This year, Toot Hill accepted 285 students into Year 7. This change in capacity will ensure that we can provide enough school places in the future, allowing us to continue to serve our catchment in light of significant current and planned house building in the area.

That investment will complement the wider, school funded, programme of works which represents the largest investment on site since the school was built. Works include a rolling programme of full classroom and IT refurbishment, ongoing redevelopment of student and staff toilet facilities, two state-of-the-art science laboratories for GCSE and Post 16 teaching and significant investment in the structure and infrastructure of the school.

We look forward to continuing to share these exciting developments with you as they progress.

Kind regards,

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