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Dear Brantwood Parent / Guardian

It is with great disappointment that I write this letter to you. The closure of any Independent School is a difficult time for all, but for parents and pupils at the school it is highly emotional and fraught with uncertainty. The speed with which this decision has been forced upon Brantwood is a shock to us all. It is our aim to work with everyone at Brantwood to ensure the smooth transition from that school to the school of your choice. I would like to provide you with some information about Westbourne School and how we can assist you and in particular your daughter in continuing her education without any long term disruption as possible.

Westbourne School has very similar characteristics to Brantwood. We are non selective and we cater for children from Reception right through to Y11. We currently have 312 pupils, of which 119 (38%) are girls. We have one class from Reception through until Year 4; there are two classes at Years 5 and 6. Our Senior School expanded in 2007 to enable it to take 3 classes in each year group. We currently have two classes in Year 7 (and therefore scope to expand this year group), but four classes in Year 8 due to overwhelming demand in that year group. Our class sizes in Senior School do not exceed 16 and the average throughout the whole school is 14.

In our Senior School we follow the AQA syllabus in all subjects apart from PE, Music and Business Communications, which follow the Edexcel syllabus. Our pupils take 10 GCSE's in Year 11.

Our website has considerable information about the school and I would encourage you to read this at www.westbourneschool.co.uk

I understand you have paid a full terms fees for your child's education at Brantwood this term. As they have only been able to provide education to half term, if you choose to move your daughter to Westbourne we will educate her without any charge for fees for the remainder of this current term. For next term we will charge the same fees as you would have been charged by Brantwood.

You will have lots of questions, far more than I can possibly answer in a brief letter. I would therefore encourage you to visit Westbourne and ask these questions. Please telephone the school (0114 2660374) and ask to speak to my secretary, Mrs Gibbons, who will make an appointment for you. We will be at Brantwood School on Tuesday 9 February to answer any questions you may have. We will also hold an Open Day on Thursday 11 February from 9-30 until 3-30 when you will have the opportunity to meet teaching staff and be shown around the school by pupils. The school will be open every morning throughout half term from 9-00 until 12-30 to answer further questions.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future and wish you and your daughter a smooth transition from Brantwood.

Yours sincerely