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Dear Parents and Carers

King's Meadow Primary School and Haddington Infant School – Planning for the Future

I trust you will have received a letter from your child's Head Teacher on 11 September 2012 concerning the possible merger of King's Meadow Primary School and Haddington Infant School.

In that letter the three options outlined were as follows:

1. The status quo – both schools remain separate with their own Head Teachers, management structures, policies and development plans, etc.
2. The schools remain separate as described above but with a shared Head Teacher leading and managing both schools.
3. Both schools become one school under a new name with one Head Teacher, management structure, policies and development plan, etc.

In line with the commitment set out in that previous letter to hold a public information event before Christmas, I am pleased to invite you to a meeting to be held on **Monday 19 November 2012** at 7.00pm in the Assembly Hall at Knox Academy.

At that meeting I will set out the educational reasons for considering such change and respond to questions. Also present at the event will be the Head Teachers of both schools and the respective Parent Council Chairs. I will also invite two other Head Teachers – one of a joint campus school in East Lothian and one a shared Head Teacher who looks after two separate schools in East Lothian. They will be available to answer practical questions relating to the management of such schools.

Following the meeting there will be a postal ballot of all parents giving them the choice of the three options set out above.

We will also arrange for a pupil consultation to be undertaken with the Pupil Councils in both schools to ensure that the pupil voice is taken into account.

Only in the case of there being a majority in favour of the change will we proceed to further consultation with Parent Councils about the next steps. If the majority of parents are against any change the matter will be considered closed and the status quo will be maintained.

Yours sincerely



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