



Department for Children, Adults and Health

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Dear Parent/Carer

Delays to opening of Lyde Green Secondary School

I am writing to let you know that unfortunately, the planned opening of Lyde Green Secondary School will not be going ahead in September this year. We are therefore giving you the opportunity to re-submit your secondary school preferences, as you had previously indicated Lyde Green Secondary School as one of your three preferences.

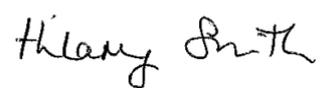
Despite the best efforts of all those involved in the establishment of the new school, market conditions in the construction industry which are impacting nationally and include significant issues with the supply and cost of building materials and labour have also caused delays to delivery of our local new school building programme. These issues have become more pronounced in recent months, in particular because of the Covid pandemic. These factors mean that the permanent building will not be completed by the date we had planned.

In these circumstances, it is not in the best interests of the young people's education for us to move forward with the opening of the new school in September 2022. Although we are totally committed to delivering the new Lyde Green Secondary School, to meet local demand for school places, we do not want students to be educated in temporary facilities for any longer than necessary.

We are continuing to work with the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office and The Olympus Academy Trust to finalise the plans and funding arrangements to deliver Lyde Green Secondary School. Every effort is being made so that we can confirm the earliest completion and opening date for the permanent school site and of course we will update the community as soon as possible on our progress and potential interim arrangements from September 2023.

Given the circumstances we are able to offer you the opportunity to amend your school preferences. You may name up to three preferences and can change the order of any of your original preferences or add a South Gloucestershire school that was not included in your original application. Please complete and return the enclosed resubmission form on **Monday 24 January 2022** to AdmissionsAndTransport@southglos.gov.uk. Also enclosed is a frequently asked questions sheet to help you understand this process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary Smith". The script is cursive and fluid.

Hilary Smith
Head of Education, Learning & Skills