



Bridgwater Education Trust
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24th September 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to report that Somerset County Council has signed the contract for the rebuilding of Chilton Trinity Technology College, Robert Blake Science College and Elmwood School. The contract was signed on Thursday 23rd September between Somerset County Council and their partner BAM PPP. Everyone is thankful to have finally signed this contract as the delays have been tremendously challenging for all parties. Construction will start in the very near future and the schools will be opening in November 2012.

The delay in signing was due to the announcement by Mr Gove Secretary of State for Education, that Haygrove, Penrose and East Bridgwater School's were "stopped" and that Chilton Trinity Technology College, Robert Blake Science College, Elmwood School and Taunton Academy were "for discussion". This "discussion" took place during July and at the beginning of August Mr Gove finally agreed these 3 school's could be rebuilt

After intervention from Bridgwater MP, Ian Liddell Granger and Ken Maddock Leader of Somerset County Council, Mr Grove agreed that Haygrove, Penrose and East Bridgwater will now also be "for discussion" and we await a timescale.

Mr Gove has stressed that the cancellation of BSF does not represent the end of the capital investment in schools and he has announced a review of how the Department for Education invests capital money. This review's recommendations will help to shape the design of future capital investment in schools and his intention is that this will be focused on ensuring sufficient school places in buildings which are conducive to teaching and learning.

For us, this has never been just been about the buildings in Bridgwater, it is about a town-wide vision for learning and providing better opportunities for all of our young people. We are grateful for three new schools but we are also committed to seeing that Haygrove, Penrose and East Bridgwater Schools are rebuilt, as they not only have unsuitable buildings but from day one our plan has been to rebuild all six schools and create a town-wide learning campus- the first in the country.

I have written to our MP Ian Liddell Granger requesting his continued support as to how we put ourselves in the best position to lobby for Haygrove, Penrose and East Bridgwater Schools to be rebuilt. Additionally, Somerset County Council has applied for outline planning permission at Queenswood Farm to the West of Bridgwater for the replacement schools of Penrose and Haygrove, to ensure we are in a position to progress the building as soon as we get the go ahead to do so. You maybe assured



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that Bridgwater Education Trust and its partners will continue to fight on to deliver all six schools in as short a period as is achievable.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Fraser," with a small flourish at the end.

Anne Fraser.
Chair Bridgwater Education Trust