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Dear Parents,

Some of you may already be aware that Crowle C of E First School has recently initiated an age range change consultation with the aim of converting to a primary school from September 2021. As Crowle is a feeder school for St Nicholas C of E Middle School within the Pershore pyramid, this has obvious implications for us, especially coming on top of similar consultations from other first schools. We also recognise however, that this may create uncertainty for parents, children and staff so we want to assure you of our position.

The School and the Governing Body are united in continuing to believe that the middle school system has great benefits for the education and development of our children and that St Nicholas C of E Middle School provides an excellent next step for year 4 children both within the Pershore pyramid and outside. At St Nicholas, we focus on the progression of our children through their transition between primary and secondary education, providing a supportive but challenging environment and access to specialist teaching and facilities not always available at primary schools. We strongly believe St Nicholas C of E Middle School gives our children an ideal preparation for high school.

We are fully aware there have been some challenges over the last couple of years, but we are now extremely positive about the direction of the school. We have a new leadership structure in place; have made a number of excellent appointments and are implementing a range of measures to strengthen the quality and consistency of learning. These are already proving highly successful.

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Children under our care have access to good quality teaching and learning and the Curriculum is designed and delivered to ensure that all children have access to a wide and varied range of learning experiences along with the opportunities to develop essential life skills that they need for the future. Having a Science Lab and specialist Art / DT and Music / MFL rooms allows us to provide specialist provision, taught by subject specialists, in a purposeful environment. This helps to further prepare the children for the next stage in their learning journey as they move on to high school as they are more used to being taught by a range of teachers and moving around school to the different subject rooms. We can also offer lots of extra curricula experiences both within school and outside of school utilising specially trained staff and other resources such as our minibus which allows us to provide alternative experiences children otherwise might not be able to partake in.

We also pride ourselves highly on how we are able to meet the individual needs of all children and have an experienced Inclusion Team who ensure that all children have the best educational experiences possible and are supported emotionally and academically throughout their time with us and receive additional supportive transition to ensure they leave us as prepared as they possibly can be.

St Nicholas C of E Middle School is very proud of our engagement with parents/guardians and the local community and remains committed to strengthening this further. We also remain dedicated to giving all our children a stimulating, rewarding and enjoyable experience underpinned by our Christian values and to support them to be the best they can be. Currently within Worcestershire plans for the future of a two / three tier system are under review, however please be assured that we will continue to offer quality provision and strongly believe that Middle school provision has lots to offer and that parents should have this choice due to the various benefits as outlined.

Yours sincerely

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