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Dear Parents,

Update on Pershore Pyramid: Change of Age

I have recently received a communication from the Director of Education for Worcestershire County Council that I would like to share with you.

As you may be aware, Worcestershire County Council have been working with the Department for Education colleagues to agree a way forward to support a consistent approach to changes of age range that have taken place or are proposed to take place across the Pershore Education Planning Area.

As a result of these conversations, a business case to expand the Rebuilding Programme for Pershore High School to include the additional Year 7 places at Pershore High School was submitted by the Rebuilding Programme Section of the DfE to HM Treasury.

The DfE have confirmed the proposal is under review. However, to date, no decision has been made by HM Treasury.

Unfortunately, until a decision is made, next steps will remain paused, and this means that the proposed changes are now unlikely to be fully implemented before September 2026. Previously, we were anticipating a full change to 2-tier from September 2025.

We understand the impact that this will have on families and individual schools, and would like to reassure you all that DoWMAT will continue to support the work of WCC in bringing this all to a successful conclusion.

We will update you again as soon as we have more news, but do contact your school if you have any further questions at this stage.

Regards,

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