



# Westfield School

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**For the attention of all parents, care givers, staff, and community supporters:**

In the latest version of 'Leominster News', a publication issued to households in Leominster by the local councillors, an article relating to potential sites for housing development naming Westfield School as one such potential, has caused concern across our community.

**Liz Farr, Service Director for Education, Skills and Learning at Herefordshire Council, has issued a response to the recent bulletin from Leominster Councillors, which raised concerns about the future of Westfield School potentially being considered for housing development.**

We recognise that this article may have caused anxiety among parents and the wider community. We want to reassure everyone that Herefordshire Council remains fully committed to the future of Westfield School. The school is part of the Department for Education's School Rebuilding Programme, which will enhance and expand the already high-quality provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in the north of the county.

We are satisfied that this reflects the current situation and are grateful for the speedy response from our Local Authority colleagues. We acknowledge that the local councillors merely wished to demonstrate their support following a misleading news item published in February and have expressed regret for any concerns caused by the article.

With best wishes,

Nicki and Governors.

