



Newman Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer

The governors and I, together with the Bishop and Trustees of the Lancaster Diocese of the Catholic Church, are delighted to announce that negotiations are well advanced to acquire a site at Blackwell for a “new build” school.

Heads of Terms for the purchase of both the land and an option agreement, held by developer Story, are now agreed. These terms are of course subject to contract, and detailed negotiations will be undertaken over the coming weeks to finalise the agreements. We are very optimistic, given the goodwill associated with the negotiations so far, that the Blackwell site will be the new home for the school.

The Diocese is very grateful for the support of Cumbria County Council who are providing the funds for the land and for the upgrading of the local infrastructure, and to central government’s Education Funding Agency who are providing the funding for the modern new school and management support for the project.

I am sure the governors, staff, students and parents will be delighted with the new contemporary school which will cater for some 700 Catholic and non-Catholic children from Year 7 through to sixth form.

The Diocesan trustees and officers are fully supportive and very happy that the new site has been identified and that progress can now be made to provide a new school fit for the 21st Century.

It is heartening that we can end this busy term with some excellent news about the future of the school. It comes after a very challenging period for us all.

Regarding the end of term arrangements, the last day of term is Thursday 20 July. Students will leave school at 12.15pm, after an early lunch. School buses will be here at 12.15pm to collect students who require school transport.

School re-opens for all students on Monday 4 September 2017 at 08.50am.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued and valued support during the year and to wish you a happy and relaxing summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

J McAuley
Headteacher

