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To whom it may concern:

Ref: Proposed expansion of Offley Primary School

I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body of Offley Primary School in support of the proposed expansion of the school to a Two Form entry. The enclosed minutes from 21 May 2012 also provide a clear record of the feelings and commitment of all governors to such a proposal, based on the allocation of an additional increased intake to 60 in September 2012.

We are in support of this expansion for the following reasons:

- Offley Primary school is a popular successful school as indicated by the consistent annual over subscription into our Reception Class
- When the school became a full Primary School additional building work meant that we lost two key Stage 2 classrooms. This decision was based on evidence available at the time to Cheshire County Council who decided that we didn't need the classrooms and therefore reduced our PAN to 45.
- Parents do not generally like the necessary mixed age classes in Key Stage Two, believing that attainment could be improved in single age classes. However, this hasn't affected requests for places, because of our academic and curricular success.
- We are keen to maintain high standards of teaching and learning for all pupils and the increase in the PAN to 60 would provide funding which would sustain our current number of teaching staff thus ensuring sustained standards in the future.
- There is a proposal for new housing on Congleton Road which, should it be approved, will provide the Local Authority with a need to provide enough places for children across all ages. This is also part of consultations we are engaging with in the Sandbach area on increasing pupil places to meet the expected future demand. We want to ensure we can meet that demand with appropriate resources.

I hope this provides enough clarity for you in your decision making. Please contact us if you require further information

Yours Faithfully

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Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body



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Dear Val

Just to confirm that, further to our conversation yesterday and subsequent to the later meeting with Barbara Dale and her colleagues, my understanding is that the Governors are fully supportive of the proposals to increase numbers at school to cater for housing developments by means of the construction of additional classrooms.

This may be ratified by the Boards support for similar, previous proposals.

It is important that a comprehensive programme of supporting physical works is determined at the planning stage to ensure that the additional classrooms are a fully integral addition to the built environment.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors