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Dear Parent / Carer

Last night the governors agreed with the principle that the school has no choice but to cut staffing levels. You may have read in the paper last Friday that the school is £800,000 in debt. This is a very large deficit by school standards and one which has to be addressed. We have been given until 2016 by Hampshire County Council to put things right. The reason for the overspend seems to be an increase in staffing levels a few years ago.

I want to reassure you that the staffing changes proposed have been carefully considered and the impact on children's experience of school will be as small as possible. In recent months, you, visitors to school and inspectors have all been telling me about the improvements they observe. The new uniform brought a greater sense of pride and the quality of lessons and progress made by students has got better too.

Clearly the news of cuts is worrying for staff. Many of them have spoken to me about their concerns and also to reassure me that their commitment to Brune Park's improvement and the children's success remains undiminished.

This is a very difficult time and staffing at Brune Park may feel quite different in September. However, the quality of education offered will be better than ever. If you have any concerns you wish to raise, please come to the Parent Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 8 February 2012, 6.00pm – 8.00pm in the Main Hall.

Yours sincerely



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