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Dear Parent/Carer

Our exciting expansion plans to improve teaching facilities!

We are preparing a bid to the Education Funding Agency Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) to remodel and expand our existing Science block which has serious capacity and building condition issues. Our intention is to reconfigure and upgrade this dated building for students. We are categorised by the Education Funding Agency as an "expansion" bid because we are reconfiguring our building to be slightly larger than currently exists. This reconfigured building will enable us to provide education facilities fit for the 21st century, maintain our excellent standards of teaching and learning and ensure we can continue to provide the best possible education for your child!

Demand for places at Severn Vale School is high and this is projected to continue to rise with the new housing developments. By 2018 there is expected to be an overall shortfall of year 7 places in Gloucester, this development will enable us to consider a potential increase in our PAN to meet the need for school places for our local community.

As part of our bid, we need to undertake a process called 'Significant Change' which means we have to consult parents and other stakeholders about our plans. 'Significant Change' usually applies to schools who wish to considerably increase their student roll or expand the numbers of buildings on site. As we are creating slightly more space (not a new building) we must still secure permission from the Secretary of State for Education.

The CIF process is extremely competitive and over 10,000 projects are submitted each year from Academies and Free schools across the country hoping to secure capital development funding! We have a desperate need to remodel our science block and this is our only opportunity to increase our accommodation without a much more expensive replacement or remodelling of permanent buildings.

Please help us to be one of the successful project announcements in April 2016 by commenting on our plans and showing your support for the school! To comment, please email svs@severnvalschool.com. Consultation on this process will close on 04th January 2016 so I would be grateful if you could forward any comments with regards to these plans by this date.

Yours sincerely

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