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Dear Parents and community members,

Many of you will have seen the recent publication in a local newspaper announcing Northiam CEP as having the highest risk of asbestos. We would like to reassure you that this is a report that has been written by the newspaper, with little understanding of how asbestos management is undertaken across the county. It is an interpretation of one aspect of a highly technical and complex report, it is neither fair nor accurate.

Schools constructed prior to 1999 have a risk of asbestos in them. As such ESCC employs accredited specialists, which carries out surveys and monitoring of asbestos. All asbestos materials are thoroughly risk-assessed for the material type, location and condition. As such areas of high risk in an area accessible to pupils, staff or community members is either removed or safely encapsulated as appropriate. The report is a reflection of the type and amount of asbestos situated within the whole school. It is not considered a risk at present as it is routinely inspected and does not come into contact with people or activities that would put it at risk of being disturbed.

The Governors, local authority and myself take the safeguarding of all members of Northiam School Community very seriously and we work closely with staff and the local authority to ensure that any risk is negated appropriately.

Our school is safe for your children.

We recognise that this will have caused you concern and we are happy to meet with you to discuss this in more detail should you wish to do so. . In this event please contact the school office. Our email address will be monitored during the school holiday.

With kind regards,

Julia Bray

Head of School

John Crouch

Chair of Governors