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**CHAILEY SCHOOL: LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL GIVE GO AHEAD FOR
NEW BUILDING PLANS**

The planning application to provide a new building to the popular and successful Chailey School in East Sussex was granted planning permission by Lewes District Council last night.

The new modern and sustainable building will enhance the teaching and learning environment, reduce energy consumption and maintenance costs therefore increasing funding for education. There will also be more opportunity for community use of the facilities.

Speaking at the Planning Committee last night Cllr Mark Evans of Chailey Parish said that architects had listened to their concerns and he had received “a preponderance of favourable comments from our and neighbouring communities”.

Councillor Sheppard who proposed the motion to accept the officers’ recommendation to approve the plans praised Chailey School, “their fantastic staff and amazing results”. He went on to say that “the developers had done all they can for the school and neighbours”.

Headteacher Helen Key gave the committee detailed insight into the constant issues and compromises the school face with the current no longer fit for purpose main teaching building.

Mrs Key spoke after consent was given “I am delighted with the result of tonight’s committee meeting which will bring so many benefits to our students, staff and the Chailey community. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us and look forward to the next steps of this exciting journey.”

Ed Sutton from Bowmer + Kirkland the firm who will build the new building said, “The result is great news for the Chailey School community. We look forward to continuing to work with everyone involved as we progress the new building plans.”

Students from Chailey School were in attendance to watch democracy in action.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Stonyrock are working with Bowmer + Kirkland and the DfE to facilitate the community engagement on the Chailey School new building proposals.

CGIs of the new building are attached to this release.

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