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To All Chief Executives and Directors of Children's Services.

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Dear Colleagues

I am writing to inform you that we have today posted on the teachernet website an indicative prioritisation of the revised national programme for Building Schools for the Future (BSF). This is based on the revised expressions of interest which authorities with projects in waves 7 to 15 provided to Partnerships for Schools (PfS) by the end of November 2008. It is available at:

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/resourcesfinanceandbuilding/News/BSF/>,
with detailed explanation.

However, we must emphasize that these lists are only preliminary, and the actual order in which projects are started in BSF will take into account a range of other factors. In the interests of good project management and maintaining momentum of delivery, projects will not be started where they cannot demonstrate readiness to deliver. In addition, some larger authorities need a manageable spread of work over the whole programme, and some authorities have indicated that they do not want an early start. Consideration will also be given to situations where authorities already in the programme need a further tranche of work to maintain momentum.

A detailed explanation of the indicative prioritisation is available on the web pages.

The next stage in the process will be to carry out further analysis of the factors discussed above, and as part of this, PfS will contact authorities to discuss their readiness to deliver.

Best wishes

Sally Brooks
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Revised National Programme for BSF (*from the Teachernet website*)

February 2009

This page includes information on the indicative reprioritisation of Building Schools for the Future (BSF) based on the revised expressions of interest provided in November 2008 by all authorities with projects in waves 7 to 15 of BSF.

The DCSF remains committed to its aims for BSF to provide 21st-century teaching and learning facilities for all secondary pupils and staff in England. This programme has wide support across government including from the Prime Minister, who emphasised its importance and his Government's commitment to keeping it properly funded and on track despite the economic climate, in his evidence to the Liaison Committee on 12 February 2009. Ministers have emphasised that reviews of the programme, including the PVP review, are not aimed at curtailing BSF but rightly will ensure that taxpayers get value for money from this major investment.

Sally Brooks has written to Directors of Children's Services and other relevant bodies informing them that this indicative prioritisation of BSF is now available. This letter is available [here](#).

The revised national programme has been prioritised in line with the methodology set out in the guidance on revising expressions of interest we issued in September 2008.

Authorities' projects are prioritised in a series of lists available here:

[initial projects](#) for authorities who have not yet started in BSF

[first follow-on projects](#) for all authorities, including those which have already started in BSF

[second follow-on projects](#) for all authorities

[third follow-on projects](#) for all authorities

[fourth follow-on projects](#) for all authorities

[fifth follow-on projects](#) for all authorities

[largest authorities](#) with more than six projects in total.

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Authorities with more than two projects were given flexibility to determine in which order they wish their follow-on projects to be addressed. This prioritisation is reflected in which list projects have been placed, although we have not identified projects individually.

Within each list, indicative prioritisation is strictly in line with the methodology set out in our guidance, on the average social and educational need of the schools in the project. Detailed information on this is available [here](#).

Ministers wish to start all authorities into BSF as soon as is practicable, although the factors discussed above will also be taken into account when starting projects. In time, it is expected that all projects on the 'first follow-on projects' list to be given the opportunity to start before any projects on the 'second follow-on projects' list, and so on.

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Indicative prioritisation of initial projects for authorities not yet started in Building Schools for the Future

New projects ranking	Local Authority
1	Plymouth
2	Cornwall
3	Cheshire West and Chester
4	Norfolk
5	Dudley
6	Sefton
7	Warrington
8	Slough
9	Thurrock
10	Gloucestershire
11	Cumbria
12	North Yorkshire
13	Wigan
14	Southend-on-Sea
15	Devon
16	Lincolnshire
17	Peterborough
18	Northamptonshire
19	Medway
20	Bexley
21	Havering
22	Oxfordshire

23	Brent
24	East Sussex
25	Sutton
26	Wirral
27	Isle of Wight
28	Wakefield
29	Buckinghamshire
30	Barnet
31	Northumberland
32	Brighton and Hove
33	Bolton
34	Swindon
35	North Somerset
36	Milton Keynes
37	Cheshire East
38	Bromley
39	Reading
40	Torbay
41	Hampshire
42	Bury
43	Merton
44	Stockport
45	Croydon
46	East Riding of Yorkshire
47	Darlington
48	Dorset

49	Redbridge
50	Warwickshire
51	South Gloucestershire
52	Harrow
53	Calderdale
54	Kingston upon Thames
55	Shropshire
56	York
57	West Sussex
58	Central Bedfordshire
59	Leicestershire
60	West Berkshire
61	Trafford
62	Wiltshire
63	Herefordshire
64	Bath and North East Somerset
65	Surrey
66	Bracknell Forest
67	Windsor and Maidenhead
68	Rutland
69	Wokingham
70	Richmond upon Thames

Indicative prioritisation of First follow-on project for all authorities

Note: The first follow on project for most authorities will be their second project in the programme. There are some authorities which have already started with more than one project in waves 1 to 6a: in these cases this and subsequent follow on lists show their **next** project to be started.

First Follow-on project ranking	Local Authority
1	Birmingham
2	Enfield
3	Kirklees
4	Walsall
5	Nottinghamshire
6	Isle of Wight
7	Lancashire
8	Sunderland
9	Suffolk
10	Gloucestershire
11	Rotherham
12	Durham
13	North Yorkshire
14	Cornwall
15	Lincolnshire
16	Bolton
17	North Tyneside
18	Norfolk
19	Staffordshire
20	Wakefield
21	Derbyshire
22	Southend-on-Sea
23	Warwickshire
24	Peterborough
25	Torbay
26	Dudley
27	Croydon
28	Devon
29	Southampton
30	Brent
31	Hounslow
32	Wigan
33	Tameside
34	Kent
35	Bournemouth and Poole

36	Hampshire
37	Worcestershire
38	Cambridgeshire
39	Plymouth
40	Brighton and Hove
41	Essex
42	North Lincolnshire
43	South Gloucestershire
44	STaG
45	Somerset
46	Leicestershire
47	Cheshire West and Chester
48	Shropshire
49	Bury
50	Northamptonshire
51	Hertfordshire
52	Havering
53	Cumbria
54	Calderdale
55	Swindon
56	Northumberland
57	Merton
58	Herefordshire
59	Thurrock
60	Oxfordshire
61	Sefton
62	Wiltshire
63	East Riding of Yorkshire
64	Stockton-on-Tees
65	Hillingdon
66	Dorset
67	Trafford
68	East Sussex
69	Stockport
70	Milton Keynes
71	Harrow
72	Bromley
73	Bath and North East Somerset
74	Barnet
75	Redbridge
76	Wirral
77	North Somerset
78	Central Bedfordshire
79	Slough

80	Windsor and Maidenhead
81	West Sussex
82	Medway
83	Bexley
84	Sutton
85	Surrey
86	York
87	Buckinghamshire
88	Warrington
89	Cheshire East
90	West Berkshire
91	Leeds
92	Solihull
93	Reading
94	Kingston upon Thames
95	Wokingham