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Press Release

First Parent Promoters School in the Country

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We assisted the Parent Promoters Foundation and Lambeth Council in setting up the school and working with the new legislation. The PPF is able to run the school due to new legislation which allows providers of a new school to publish proposals to establish a new foundation or voluntary controlled school.

The Elmgreen School is due to open its doors for the first time in early September 2007. It will be a unique co-education secondary school run by parents as a voluntary controlled school. The School will be run by the Parent Promoters Foundation which is the first of its kind in the UK.

The Parent Promoters Foundation (PPF) was set up in response to an appeal by Lambeth Council for parents to come forward and assist the Council in establishing a new school in West Norwood. Prior to the establishment of this new Parent Promoters school, the provision of school places in the local area was inadequate meaning that pupils had to be transported to a number of other schools across the Borough.

We have been part of a great achievement in the Building Schools for the Future programme enabling parents to finally have the biggest say in the future education of children. Parents will have an opportunity to create the school they feel their children need.

The school's Governing Body and senior management team will lead and manage the school, while Lambeth Council will set the admissions policy, employ staff and fund the buildings. The PPF will ensure that the school reflects the ethos they have consulted on and this will reflect what parents want for their children.

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