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Dear Parent/Carer 15th July 2024

Re: Update on Building Work

As we enter the last week of term I just wanted to share with you an update on the building work taking place over the summer holidays in order to ensure that our school is ready to open again on Thursday 5th September 2024.

Over the last weekend the asbestos removal company have begun work to strip out fitted cupboards and remove asbestos from the floors and walls in specific areas. This work will continue next weekend with notifiable removal works carried out week commencing 22nd July.

On Monday 22nd July AJS Services will move into the school to begin the re-fit of the Amethyst & Sapphire Learning Zones; the two toilet areas and the long corridor. These areas have been stripped back to the brickwork and there is a huge amount of work to be carried out over the summer break.

As you know, all furniture, resources and IT equipment were also condemned following the sewage flood and therefore we are also being inundated with deliveries of new furniture, storage and resources for the new academic year.

As the children have their summer break, we have a very busy 6 weeks ahead in getting the school refurbished and re-stocked and ready for re-opening in September. Despite the traumatic time we have had following the flood, we are all very excited and looking forward to having a beautiful new area of the school full of lovely new furniture and resources for our children to enjoy.

Once we open again in September, we will invite parents & carers in to visit our new areas and see how much work has been done.

Once again, thank you all so much for bearing with us. It has been a monumental task keeping the school open and maintaining high standards of education along with ensuring the children still have their fun activities at the end of the school year.

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I would like to take this opportunity to say that none of this would have been possible without our amazing and phenomenal team who have gone above and beyond throughout the year no matter what has been thrown at them. I am incredibly proud of them all and immensely grateful for their dedication, professionalism and love for our children. They have all role modelled our school vision of Kindness, Fellowship and Confidence throughout the most challenging year in the history of our school.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Thursday 5th September.

Yours sincerely

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