





Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all having a good summer so far whatever or wherever you are.

I have been into school a few times to meet with Diane, our site manager, and some building teams to plan out the work being done at school over the summer break and beyond. We have already had some work completed –

-  New carpet and lino in the worst classrooms
-  New and safer covering and anti-slip edging to the stairs from the KS1 hall to the reception classrooms

We have been successful in securing **£500,000** from the government for replacing the fire alarm system in both buildings, replacing the internal ceilings in the KS2 building and re-roofing the KS2 building that was leaking badly during poor weather. Whilst this is great news, it will be a 16-week project that started on Monday 2nd August and is due to finish on 19th November 2021. This will make sure our children are very safe and our school and equipment do not get damaged due to leaks and our children having to learn in poor conditions.

During the building work, there will be containers and skips in our car park that will be fenced off as well as scaffolding around the roof and surrounding areas. I have been part of the health and safety meetings to ensure our children's safety is the key priority. The schedule has been planned out to minimise disruption and has started during the summer to support this. Whilst the roof is being replaced, the rooms must be cleared to allow for internal scaffolding and ensure workers do not fall through the roof. This is being done in four phases –

Phase 1 –

Over the summer, all the work in the KS0/1 building (Nursery to year 2) will be completed as well as in year 5&6 rooms. This means there should be no disruption to our youngest children and our new starters.

Phase 2 –

In the first four weeks of September, the work will start in the year 3&4 classrooms meaning these children will learn in different rooms – the portacabin, staffroom and hall will accommodate them and have all the furniture. We have already moved the furniture out of the rooms and arranged for installation of smartboards etc to ensure the children can still access their learning. Our staff are aware of the plans and we will share with you where to drop off and pick up children nearer September.

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Phase 3 –

The kitchen, stores, and hall in KS2 will be done over four weeks. This means for the four weeks; another local school will have our kitchen staff working in their kitchen to prepare our children's meals and bring them up in hot boxes so we can maintain our menus.

Phase 4 –

The KS2 offices and main entrance. For this time, the offices and reception to school will be moved to the KS1 building and accessed by the wooden gate. We will share more information nearer the time and ensure it is clear where to go.

As ever, we will send regular updates about the work and any changes to routine as they arise. This disruption will only be for a few weeks, but it will ensure that our children can have a safe and leak free school to continue their learning and development.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Andrew Midgley