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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Sewage Flood Update

I am writing to give you an update on the plan following the sewage flood in Amethyst, Sapphire, the long corridor and Ruby toilets.

As detailed in my previous letter, our Loss Adjustor has agreed that all furniture, flooring, wall coverings, resources and personal possessions have to be disposed of due to contamination risks. As a result, the Amethyst and Sapphire classrooms, long corridor and Ruby toilets all have to be stripped out and refurbished.

Firstly, I want to reassure everyone that a robust programme of works has been agreed which will result in all affected areas being refurbished and ready to open when the children return to school on Wednesday 4th September (unless any unforeseen problems occur).

Secondly, I would like to reassure everyone that these current challenges in no way affects our provision of the 2 year old pilot planned to start in September.

Following consultations with contractors during the half term holiday it has been decided that over the coming weeks all areas apart from the Ruby toilets will be cleared and stripped back to brickwork ready for refurbishment.

Any asbestos removal (Ruby toilets) will take place during the first week of the summer holidays in order to ensure the safety of children, staff and parents. This means that the temporary portable toilets will remain in use until we break up on Friday 19th July. We have considered numerous options to try to reinstate the Ruby toilets quicker but this is the safest option for all concerned.

The refurbishment of the affected areas will commence as soon as the children break up for the summer holidays. The contractors then have 5 weeks to complete the work ready to hand the areas back on the final week of the school holidays. This will include re-plastering, decoration, new flooring, replacement of fitted cupboards & storage and assembly of new furniture.

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This will allow our teaching teams time to set up their new learning zones with new displays, furniture and resources and ensure that the learning zones are engaging and exciting for our children returning to school.

I am sure you will appreciate the enormity of the work which needs to be carried out between now and the 4th September. Having to deal with this enormous challenge at the end of an already challenging year will put huge pressure on our staff team and is affecting everyone working in school. However, as you know, we have an amazing team of people who do everything possible to put our children first and to ensure that they continue to receive the highest standards of education and continue to be offered a fantastic range of learning experiences. What the team manage to deliver despite the challenges we have faced this year is incredible.

We have worked and continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the children do not miss out on anything during this final half term of the year. Our children have been amazing throughout the course of the year and have shown great confidence and resilience in how adaptable and flexible they have been, coping so well with the disruption and changes thrust upon them.

I also wanted to share with you all the fact that we have received overwhelming support from the Trust. From the moment a disaster has struck, they have been there in the background supporting us practically, financially and emotionally and I can honestly say that I have valued their support enormously.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our parents & carers who have similarly been amazing. Your support and generosity has been overwhelming. Thank you for all of the donations, cakes, biscuits and messages of support. They mean so much to us and have really helped to keep us all going when things have been extremely tough. Please don't underestimate the power of kindness!

I will continue to keep you posted with progress.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross

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