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7th October 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Following the letter that you have just received from Bradford Council, I am writing to you to provide you with some further information which may help to clarify some concerns and questions that you may have.

School will close on Friday 17th of December and will reopen to pupils at the new site on Tuesday January 11th.

School was informed that the contractor would not meet the agreed handover date of 22nd October two weeks ago, and since then we have been in negotiation with the Council to map out a new time scale. I had hoped that we would be able to move our closure week to the week prior to the Christmas holiday, as this would have had the least impact on pupils learning, and given us a clean start to the new school term. Unfortunately, the Council were not able to agree to this.

School will now be open as usual for the start of next half term from Monday November 1st. I am aware that many of you will have made arrangements for child care in the week after October Half term or even taken holiday leave which now can't be changed. We will be authorising any absence from school in this week. If you already know that your child will be absent during this week please email the school office with the relevant dates.

I would ask that if you are able to send your children to school in this week that you do so as normal. Please do not take advantage of this situation by keeping your children off school if there is no genuine reason to do so.

At this time, we have no confirmed date when the new school will be handed over to us. Therefore, we are not able to give confirmed dates of arrangements to undertake visits to the new school site for parents and children prior to Christmas. We plan to have visits to the school site on Monday January 10th with school opening fully on Tuesday January 11th. Details will be sent out to you after the Christmas holiday with the specifics around these dates.



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I am very aware of the inconvenience and disruption this announcement will cause to parents and staff. I have expressed this sentiment to the Council directly. Now we know what the situation is, we can fully focus on Teaching and Learning throughout the remainder of this Autumn term, and work together to make the most of our remaining time here successful and enjoyable for your children.

If you wish to discuss further the information that you have received today, contact me at school in the usual way.

Kind regards

K.S.Russell
Headteacher