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Subject: Important Update Regarding the Start of the Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide an important update regarding the start of the autumn term. Unfortunately, we will not be able to welcome all pupils back to school on the originally planned first day of term, **4th September**, as work continues to prepare our temporary school building following the flooding that occurred at the end of June.

The safety of our pupils, staff and families remains our absolute priority. Before reopening fully, we must ensure that the temporary buildings and wider site are completely safe and ready for pupils, parents and staff to access and use.

Our current plans are as follows:

- **Year 6 pupils will return to site from 7th September located in their usual classrooms.**
- We are currently planning for **all remaining pupils to return to site on 11th September**, subject to the final completion and safety checks of the temporary accommodation. *(From 7th - 10th September will we arrange online learning for pupils from Year 1 - 5)*

We fully appreciate that this is not the start to the school year that anyone would have wished for, and we understand the inconvenience this may cause families. However, given the scale and complexity of the rebuild project, and the fact that the flood occurred only at the end of June, we are incredibly proud of the speed with which staff, contractors and partners have worked to ensure that children can be back together on site as quickly as possible.

We would like to thank you for your patience, understanding and ongoing support during this challenging period. We will continue to keep you informed throughout the summer holiday and will provide updates immediately should there be any changes to these arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Fiona Hopkins
Headteacher

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