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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone is safe and well during our ongoing period of lockdown and children working at home . It's great news that we are able to welcome the children back to school from 8th March. I will be sending a letter out to all parents/carers early next week explaining how this is going to work . Essentially, we will be maintaining the control measures, timings and routines that we had in the Autumn term. **ALL pupils will be returning on Monday March 8th 2021 , there will be no staggered start for year groups .**

New School Opening :

Unfortunately, I was informed by DCC just before half term that there was a slight delay to the opening of the new school building. This has been caused in the main part by severe bad weather holding up external works (though internal works are still on schedule). The delay is three weeks. I wasn't able to inform everyone until this was confirmed by Esh and DCC this week.

This means that the date for opening to all pupils in the new school building is now MONDAY 19th APRIL 2021, (not Monday 12th April 2021 as originally agreed.)

I can only apologise if this causes problems for anyone, however as I'm sure you can appreciate this situation is not only disappointing for us but is totally outside of our control.

I have illustrated below what this will mean in terms of pupils attending school on the run up to the move. I hope this helps you to plan.

Dates	Pupils attending	Notes
1st March – 5th March inclusive	Only keyworker and vulnerable pupils to attend main school. Nursery open to all children.	All other pupils to engage with home learning
8th March – 24th March inclusive	ALL pupils return to school for face to face learning .	Home learning ends
Thursday 25th March and Friday 26th March	School closed to ALL pupils (including keyworker and vulnerable).	Remote learning will be provided for ALL pupils. This closure will allow staff to pack up last remaining items and the move of furniture etc will start to new school.
29th March to 11th April inclusive	EASTER HOLIDAYS- school closed to all pupils.	The move of furniture etc. to new premises will continue over the Easter holidays . Due to the delays, work will continue on the building over Easter.

12th April- 16th April inclusive	School closed to ALL pupils	No remote learning will be provided this week . This week is when staff will unpack and set up in the new school building and get ready to welcome everyone back.
Monday 19th April 2021	New school building opens to all pupils	More information on the opening will come later.

I fully appreciate that children will have just returned to school next month when this will be disrupted again. It is frustrating for us as well as yourselves and the pupils. However, we have been assured that there should be no further delays (unless there is more severe weather !) and that the date we have been given of 19th April is the date we are all working towards .

We are excited to open (at last!) in a lovely new school . It's been a long time getting to this point for us all and I appreciate everyone's patience. Building a brand new school in the middle of a pandemic is something no one could have predicted even a year ago and I know from Esh and DCC that all has been done to ensure that the delays are not greater than this.

I will be writing to everyone early next week to detail what will be happening from 8th March when pupils return to school. Please look out for this letter as it will contain a lot of important information about Covid 19 and safety , which of course hasn't gone away .

We look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Glass