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### UPDATE ON FOX HILL

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the letter detailing the enforced closure we write to update you on the situation at Fox Hill and reassure you on the current condition of the building and site. We are aware that there has been social media activity with some false and misleading comments made and wish to provide accurate information to allay any concerns you may have.

From our previous communications to you about the build you will be aware that leaders at Fox Hill and the Trust have had little input into the build or design as this has been undertaken between the building contractor – Sir Robert McAlpine (SRM) and the Education Funding Agency (EFA). The Facilities Manager and Vice Principal from SCSP have attended meetings and have worked tirelessly to resolve the defects, (over 700 at the point of hand over), some which still remain outstanding with the building and site. We have also been supported in our discussions with these agencies by Gill Furniss MP who is working with us in ensuring a building and environment fit for all children, staff and community.

As stated in our last letter the health and safety of all of our pupils, staff and visitors on site is our utmost priority and over the past 20 months since we moved in we have been working with numerous external agencies with regard the defects. The most significant of these include the external doors, 25 of which are defective and are due to be replaced; the surface water and drainage issues around the whole site; the impact the natural springs are having; the replacement of the MUGA and the design and construction of the football pitch as well as many internal defects.

On Wednesday lunchtime a new and significant issue was brought to our attention regarding the sewerage from the site and, following advice, it was agreed that to ensure the well-being of all our children that school should be closed to pupils on health and safety grounds. It was not action we took lightly. We know any closure is not easy to manage for families, especially with such short notice and at this time of year.

We have been, and will continue to, work with a number of agencies next week to resolve this immediate issue, as well as the ongoing list of work. We will keep parents and carers informed about the re-opening details through our website, Facebook page and Twitter. We ask that you therefore keep checking these towards the end of the Christmas break, however we fully expect to be open on **Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for the positive support and comments you have shown us at Fox Hill, especially as we are working hard to resolve the many ongoing defects with regard the school building, many of which you are sharing with us.

Yours sincerely

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