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UPDATE ON FOX HILL RE-OPENING

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your patience and support during the last week of term at Fox Hill Primary. As you are all aware, the decision to close for the last two days was one not taken lightly and was undertaken with the advice of external experts who deemed the situation with sewerage, foul water and connected drainage from the site to be unsafe and a potential health issue. We shared your frustrations about the short notice for the closure and the time of year it happened. Be assured as soon as we were alerted to the problem, we did everything possible to keep open but had to take the decision to close in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our children.

Following the opening of the new school building in April 2015, we have worked closely with all agencies to get the many defects and building issues resolved. Of the 700 identified at handover in April 2015 many have been addressed but to our frustration many still remain. We have continued to work with the builders Sir Robert McAlpine (SRM) and the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to ensure that all of the defects are resolved. This process has been complicated by the fact that we are not the client as it was the EFA who commissioned the building. Countless meetings have taken place with numerous agencies and we will continue to work with them to ensure the school building and site are the best they can be and what we want for our children. Once all the work is resolved we have exciting plans to undertake significant work to enhance the outdoor areas. These include developing external play spaces, areas and sporting facilities for the children to use.

Since the recent problem with the sewerage and drainage, over the past two weeks we have continued to liaise and work with SRM, the EFA and other external agencies including our MP Gill Furniss in order to get this current and our ongoing problems rectified. A great deal of work has been undertaken to resolve the issue and we have been advised that it is now resolved and as a result we are able to re-open as planned at our usual time on **Tuesday 3rd January 2017**.

Once again, we thank you for your understanding. It was great to hear from so many families who understood the difficult situation we were in and your kind offers of support, including speaking to local councillors or Gill Furniss MP to support us. We will keep you updated in the new year of all ongoing work so you are aware of the current status of work. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and would like to wish everyone at Fox Hill Primary a very Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back to Fox Hill next week as planned on Tuesday 3rd January.

Yours sincerely

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