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Dear Parents and Carers

School Re-development and Refurbishment

As you already know we secured funding for the refurbishment of our school over a year ago and have been discussing plans with our pupils and the local community over the past year. We are at the stage now where plans have been approved, planning consents given and for the project to commence this summer holiday.

This refurbishment includes the following:

- Landscaped play spaces for our pupils which includes land adjacent to our front playground
- A new entrance lobby to the school with new offices for our admin team
- Brand new staff facilities which include a larger staffroom and work stations for staff
- A new networked ICT suite which will accommodate a full class of pupils
- A large community room with catering facilities for parents and members of the community
- The addition of another large hall for PE lessons
- Better toilet, cloakroom and changing facilities for our pupils

The works will be in two main phases:

Phase 1: August 2011 – February 2012

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Part of what was the Sixth Form block will be demolished, the main school entrance will be re-sited to Beresford Road, a new reception area will be created and the stage will be re-located to the other end of the hall. The playgrounds will be re-furbished and the new Multi-Use Games Area will be developed. The Kitchen will be re-located so that food can be served directly into the hall. The new larger ICT suite will be re-located.

HOW THIS WILL AFFECT PUPILS?

The main Beresford gate will be out of use and the whole school will be using the Napier Road gate at the beginning and end of school. Pupils in the Foundation Stage (Nursery and Year R) will continue to use the small gate in Beresford Road. Breakfast Club will take place in the top hall and pupils will use the small gate in Beresford Road. School lunches will be cooked off site and brought into the school to be served in the top hall. Whilst the ICT suite is out of action classes will use the wireless laptops. The laptops are stored on trolleys which can be wheeled into classrooms. Playtimes and Lunchtimes may need to be staggered for different year groups. Assemblies will take place in the top hall for KS2 pupils.



Phase 2: February 2012 – August 2012

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

New block (staffroom and teacher facilities) to be built joining the two main school buildings with new enclosed play area and Studio/Music Room.

HOW THIS WILL AFFECT PUPILS?

The Year 5 and 6 playground space will be very limited. Playtimes may have to be staggered for different year groups on the front playground and the new multi-games play area. The Foundation Stage area will be unaffected.

Whilst we are really looking forward to the re-development at the school we want to ensure that there is the least amount of disruption to the school. We will also keep you, the parents/carers and the pupils informed about any changes which affect the school day.

Yours sincerely



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