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RE: New Build Update and Outside space

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we are now in Phase 3 of our school rebuild project and are delighted with the progress being made on our new playground.

This week, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Rowlett met with representatives from the Department for Education to receive an update on the project. We are pleased to share that work is progressing well. The new MUGA is now in place, and B&K, the build contractors, have begun preparing the remaining areas for the next stages of development, including the new climbing frame, trim trail, canopy, outdoor classroom and grass football pitch.

In order to give B&K the best possible opportunity to complete the playground ready for our return in September, **the school field will be closed from Monday 29th June for the final four weeks of term**.

We wanted to make parents aware that this will inevitably have an impact on some aspects of the school day. With significantly reduced outdoor space available, playtimes and lunchtimes will need to be organised differently, and children may spend less time outdoors than usual. Activities such as football and larger running games will not be possible during this period. Some PE lessons will also be adapted, with staff making use of the facilities and spaces we do have available to ensure children continue to enjoy some aspects of the PE curriculum.

We appreciate that this is not ideal. However, after navigating the disruption that inevitably comes with such a significant building project, we are very much in the final stretch. These temporary arrangements are only for the remainder of this term and will play an important role in helping the project stay on schedule for completion over the summer holidays.

All teachers and support staff will continue to ensure that children have enjoyable breaktimes and lunchtimes, and we know they will show the same resilience and positivity that they have demonstrated throughout the rebuild project.

The temporary inconvenience will be more than worthwhile when we return in September to enjoy our fantastic new outdoor facilities. We are incredibly excited to see the finished playground take shape and cannot wait for the children to experience everything it has to offer.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support throughout this journey.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Thomas
Headteacher

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