

Our ref: F/Letters/170704GHU – Opening of New Building

4th July 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Opening of the New Building 2017

The new school building is developing rapidly and the contractor, Kier Construction, is on track to finish in September 2017. While this is very exciting, the finish date looks likely to be the 15th and will therefore not be in time for the start of the new academic year. Everybody involved is very disappointed by this fact.

The Local Authority, the Governing Body, the contractor, the Education and Skills Funding Agency and myself have been discussing the implications of this and we have been trying to find the best solution for the school, children and families affected. We have agreed that the best way to deal with this is to spend the first half term in the old building and then move into the new school during the October half term holiday.

As you can imagine, moving everything we have from one school to the other is a considerable undertaking and will take longer than one week. In order to enable the removal companies to do their work, and noting that we will have no access to either school buildings while they do this, I am writing to inform you that **the term will end a week early on the 13th October and we will reopen in the new school on Monday 30th October**. We usually take three INSET days around October, so this will only represent two days of extraordinary closure.

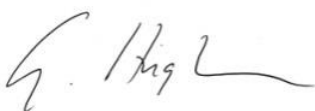
I appreciate that a two week half term is an unusual situation and may cause an inconvenience for some families and so I wanted to write to you as soon as possible to inform you of the situation so that you have plenty of time to make the arrangements necessary. I also recognise that for some families who want to book holidays and ensure that their children do not miss valuable time off school, this might be an opportunity to do so out of season.

To summarise, the key dates are as follows:

- Monday 4th September - first day of Autumn term (current school building)
- Friday 13th October - last day of Autumn term
- Monday 30th October - first day of term (new building - school day may be adjusted to allow students to familiarise themselves in the new building)
- Friday 22nd Dec - last day of term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the proposed plans I have described above.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Hughes
Headteacher

