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Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: RAAC** 

We are so pleased to inform you that the building work to the infant building is almost completed and the builders will leave the school on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023. This means that after this date the staff will work as quickly as possible to make the Reception (including outdoor area), Year 1 and Year 2 (Italy class) classrooms an exciting learning space just like before September. The week commencing the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Mr Guyon, other members of staff and all the Site Managers across the Trust will work together to ensure the larger resources, interactive whiteboards etc. are back in the classrooms by the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> December. This means that on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 members of staff will work together throughout the day to get the classrooms back to 'normal'. To be able to ensure that this is done safely, school will be closed to the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Italy class, not Kenya and India class) children and remote learning will be in place. Your child's class teacher will organise this on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November and communicate the learning over Class Dojo. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause to families, however, we have considered many options and this is the quickest and safest way for the children to be able to return to their original classrooms. If your child/children require a free school meal, please let the office know by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This means that on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December your child will be taught in their 'new' classroom for this academic year.

## Entrances for Monday 4th December 2023 (once the whole school has reopened)

- If your child is in Reception, they will enter their classroom at the green gates. This is next to the side gate entrance on the Key Stage One playground. We continue to invite parents to join us for 'Welcome Time'.
- If your child is in Year 1 (both classes), your child will enter school through the reception outdoor area and walk around to the Year 1 outdoor area. Parents are welcome to walk round to the Year 1 bay door with their children.
- If your child is in Year 2 (Italy class), your child will enter their class through the Year 2 bay on the Key Stage One playground.

On the gates on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, will be myself, Miss Vickers, Miss Fretwell and some staff from reception, Year 1 and 2 so if you are unsure where to go there will be lots of staff to help you.

We are so excited to see the children in their new classrooms and can't wait to share some photographs with you. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. Your child/children have been fantastic and they have adapted brilliantly. I have no doubt that they will settle into their classrooms with ease and be excited by all the extra learning resources available to them. What an exciting time! Any questions, please message myself or Miss Vickers on Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Herbert Acting Headteacher

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