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Dear Parents/Carers,

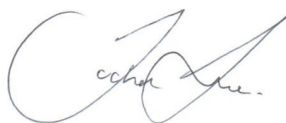
You will all be aware that Bromfords is part of the next phase in the government's programme for school rebuilding and this decision was taken before the current RAAC issues, which impacted our community at the start of the Autumn Term. This is an exciting development for the school which will lead to a state-of-the-art building, supporting our students' learning and development in a school designed for the 21st Century. The RAAC issues have complicated the process in that they have required us to put temporary classrooms on the large playground so that all students could return to face-to-face learning quickly. The hard concrete surface meant that foundations did not need to be dug and, in discussions with the Department for Education, this was quickest solution to get all students back in school as quickly as possible. At this time, the design project for the rebuild of the school had also yet to be finalised.

The temporary classrooms were only intended to be a short-term solution and paid for via the DfE and whilst the final design of our new school is not yet fully confirmed, we are now clear that a more semi-permanent set of buildings is required to see us through the next couple of years. An initial set of 15 classrooms, offices, student and staff toilets and changing rooms will be constructed on the school field over the next couple of months. I was informed yesterday by the contractors that they are in a position to start this work next week, with the digging of initial foundations. Students will notice little impact whilst this work takes place. They will still be able to safely access the school via Bromfords Drive at the start and end of the school day and whilst the field will be out of bounds, PE lessons will still be able to take place on our land adjacent to the school. There will be no loss of learning time and no need for any form of remote learning. The school is being fully funded for all of this work.

Once the new semi-permanent building is in place on the field, the temporary classrooms and utilities on the playgrounds will be removed. These spaces will then provide the construction team more flexibility as work begins on the full site. The expectation is that as the main building is worked on, if required the semi-permanent buildings on the field can be added to. Once the new build is completed, the school field will be fully returned to us for use.

I hope to be able to share the final design of the school with staff, students and parents later this term, but I am sure you will appreciate there are many external factors and individuals involved. Next week, however, marks the start of the process of building an exciting future for the school and I can assure you that in the meantime, our ongoing work to drive improvements in school, which has already shown positive impact, will not be affected.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher



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