

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to write to you with further updates with regards to the flood damage that we sustained to Red Kites and Falcons Classrooms earlier in the term.

Unfortunately, the damage was far worse than initially thought, and it has taken a lot longer for the rooms to dry out than we had all hoped. Now that preliminary inspections have taken place, it is clear that the rooms will not be re-fitted and re-decorated this side of the Christmas break. We are hopeful that works will be completed by mid-December, however we will then need to put all of the resources and specialist equipment back in, as well as re-do the displays and complete a final deep clean.

To this effect, we will be using the current arrangements for both classes until we return after Christmas. The pupils (and staff) have responded fantastically well to the changes and have shown real resilience over the last month or so. Whilst we all appreciate that this is not ideal, it has been out of the school's hands and we are doing everything we can to minimise and alleviate any upset that the arrangements may cause. Pupils in Red Kites and Falcons will continue in the classrooms they are currently using, with the same staff, until we return on Tuesday 4th January, 2022.

I have mentioned 'short term pain for long term gain' previously, and we genuinely believe that whilst the flood damage was something we could have all lived without, it has given us the opportunity to completely re-fit two classroom spaces; both rooms will be 'brand new' in January, something that was not feasible for us to complete previously.

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Amanda or Louise in the first instance, and I am sure they will be happy to talk through the arrangements for the coming half-term. I will also invite you to visit our new classrooms and facilities after-school once we are fully moved back in and settled – it will be fantastic to see you all again, in the flesh, after such a long time!

Take great care, have a lovely half-term break, and I look forward to seeing you all in due course.

Best wishes, Gavin

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