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Dear Parent / Carer,

New School Building

As you'll have read in the press, planning consent has been granted for the new building and so plans are now progressing at a fair old rate. There will inevitably be some inconveniences during the construction work. All the plans are designed to ensure that the building area is kept as far from the operating school as is possible and to ensure safe and effective access to the school. I'm sure you'll agree that the inconveniences will be worth it to get our lovely new building in place as soon as is possible.

To allow building work to start, we will be vacating Rooms 1-4 prior to the summer holidays and these rooms will be demolished in July. This will allow construction of the new school to begin whilst satisfying health and safety requirements and ensuring that this school can function properly during the construction. Although this will be a tight squeeze, we will be able to accommodate all of our classes in Rooms 5 - 16 in the two storey block of the school. Playground space will, of course, be at a premium during construction and we are looking at ways of making sure that the available space is best used.

The other major change from August will be access to the playground and school. Once the part-demolition and construction starts there will be no access from Craigowan Road (up past the garages) and all foot access will be through the existing gate on Buttars Street and a new temporary entrance further up Buttars Street nearer to Balgarthno Road. This will be an inconvenience for those coming from the western side of the school but is unavoidable. We'll be looking next term at Safe Travel for the pupils and putting measures in place to minimise any issues around playground access.

During the Spring holidays, some enabling work will be taking place, principally the felling of the trees to the south and west of the building. Whilst this may be a shame in the short term, again we can look forward to a much more eco-friendly environment for the school community once the new building is up and running.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is any other information you need regarding the new school project. I'll be involving the school's Parent and Pupil Councils in all the plans and arrangements.

Tuck Shop

Nutritional regulations, best value purchasing rules and other operational issues have led me to decide that from the start of next term, in common with many Dundee schools, our School Tuck Shop items will be provided each day by Tayside Contracts. Miss Lawrence and pupils will continue to serve the tuck shop but choices and prices will be determined centrally. I've enclosed a copy of the menu and price list which will apply.

School Fund Committee

We're setting up a committee to oversee the spending of School Fund monies. This will consist of a member of teaching staff, a member of support staff, a parent/carer and me. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this very straightforward position, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

A. Macgregor
Head Teacher