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**IGNITE PASSION**

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**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**RE: Update on school closure**

Dear parents/carers,

We'd like to thank you all for your patience and support as we started our new routine this week. We know it has been challenging at times, but we are so proud of how the children and staff have adapted to their new classroom environment and carrying on with their learning.

We would like to share some updates with you about the ongoing issue, our plans for our pupil's education and how we aim to keep our learning safe and accessible.

### **Safety**

When we wrote to you last time, we mentioned that surveyors had visited the school to complete some structural checks. The first reports from these show a specific kind of building method used in an isolated part of the school which might pose a safety risk.

This building method has not previously been known to be a risk, our checks covered all parts of the school as a precaution, so we could reassure you all about the areas impacted and those parts that are safe.

We take the safety of our school and our community very seriously, working together we look after and maintain our school buildings. We have regular inspections, services and audits that are done in line with UK Health and Safety laws, the requirements of the Department for Education and what the local authority needs us to do.

Whilst investigations are ongoing, please be assured that this issue does not impact the whole school building and engineers have confirmed the spaces we are using are completely safe.

### **Other areas for learning**

Since the affected areas were closed, we have been working hard with North Tyneside Council to look at a variety of options to bring our pupils back to safe, accessible, face-to-face learning.

So far, the temporary heated and lit marquee, Air Cadet Building and Wideopen Library have allowed us to do this. I am grateful to the library services and Air Cadets for their support and flexibility, we are sure you will join us in thanking them for their assistance.

We will be monitoring these locations frequently to ensure they're still suitable. We are actively looking at other solutions for pupils, and we hope to be able to update you soon on next steps.

## Toilets

We appreciate the temporary toilet facilities next to the marquee are not suitable, these are not what we ordered and have been raised as a matter of urgency with the supplier.

We expect a high standard, more suitable toilet and washing facilities to be fully functional by next week (w.b. 11.03.24).

We know that these past few weeks have been challenging for many of you, thank you again for continued support and understanding. Our brilliant teaching staff will be doing everything to ensure our children continue to receive the best possible education.

Further surveys are taking place to help work out what the problem is and what potential solutions may look like. We will share more details as soon as we receive them.

Thank you once again for your support at this time. Seeing the school community support one another through this challenge is really appreciated.

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