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Dear Parents,

We are writing, as promised, to inform you of the arrangements for the children to return to school on Monday. We can only apologise again for the unexpected disruption to the start of the new school year.

Any room in a school building that contains RAAC, regardless of the condition of that RAAC, must be propped up. Extensive work has been undertaken in our school building this week to ensure that it meets the new guidelines that were introduced by the DFE last Thursday. Structures to support the roof have been erected as a precautionary measure and will remain in place until the work on the roof is complete.

We are delighted to inform you that the structural engineers have deemed the building to be free of any risk of RAAC collapsing and the DFE have agreed that the school can reopen to all pupils on Monday.

We have had some more positive news in the last few days. We previously thought that the Year 2 classroom would be out of use. However, after a structural survey and some support structures being fitted, it has now been deemed by the structural engineers as being completely safe for use. This opens up a bigger teaching space for a class and prevents further disruption to learning.

Most of the school looks unchanged but there are support structures in some areas. These have been covered in foam and have been made 'child friendly'. The school hall is out of use and serves only as a thoroughfare until the roof has been replaced – this is an inconvenience but not one we can't work around. It is supported and completely safe but it does look unsightly at the moment.

The kitchen is unaffected but until the temporary hall arrives, lunches will have to be eaten in class. Please pay on SCOPAY as you usually would for both lunch and snack. All children in key stage 1 are provided with a lunch free of charge.

Breakfast Club will not be open until we have our new temporary hall in place. This is likely to take 3 to 4 weeks. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Nursery parents have been made aware of arrangements for their children.
All our new Reception children will start on Monday.



RAAC

Please see the following information regarding arrangements for each class. We have done our very best to find each class the most suitable space and spent the last week preparing the new rooms.

YEAR GROUP	ENTRANCE/EXIT	CLASSROOM	START TIME	FINISH TIME
RECEPTION	RECEPTION ENTRANCE ON THE KEY STAGE 1 PLAYGROUND	RECEPTION CLASS	8.45-8.55am	3.10pm
YEAR 1	THE KEY STAGE 1 PLAYGROUND	YEAR 1 CLASSROOM	8.45-8.55am	3.15pm
YEAR 2	NURSERY ENTRANCE ON SETTLE STREET	NURSERY CLASSROOM	8.45-8.55am	3.15pm
YEAR 3	THE KEY STAGE 1 PLAYGROUND	YEAR 2 CLASSROOM	8.45-8.55am	3.20pm
YEAR 4	THE KEY STAGE 1 PLAYGROUND	THE LRC	8.45-8.55am	3.20pm
YEAR 5	THE KEY STAGE 2 PLAYGROUND	YEAR 5 CLASSROOM	8.45-8.55am	3.20pm
YEAR 6	THE KEY STAGE 2 PLAYGROUND	YEAR 6 CLASSROOM	8.45-8.55am	3.20pm

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday.

They will need:

- Full school uniform
- Full PE kit
- A book bag
- Any dinner/snack money to be paid online

Once again, we thank you for your patience. The safety of our school community, as always, is our main priority but you can rest assured that every safety measure has been put in place.

It has been an extremely busy week and we are very grateful to our building contractors and Salford Diocese for pulling out the stops to help us get the children back to school as quickly as possible.

We look forward to another happy, productive and successful year for our school community.

Mr Gareth Smyth

Mrs Clare Lightbown

Chair of Governors

Headteacher