



DARELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the new school year; and what an exciting year ahead it will be. We are looking forward to working in our fabulous new facilities and providing great learning opportunities for our children.

Whilst a huge amount of the building work has taken place over the summer, I am sure you have noticed that the project is not as far ahead as we would have hoped. Difficulties early on with the project have pushed some of the work back and realistically, we are looking to February before all the work will be completed.

In the last couple of weeks of the holidays, our contractors are working extremely hard but some areas are more ready than others. Most importantly, all the classrooms will be ready on time with some new furniture and flooring, sinks and storage. The new Unit for children with special needs is due for completion in the New Year so children will continue to use the classroom they used last year for now. The Reception toilets will be completed by October so for the time being, Reception children will be using our new Infant toilets (which look fantastic). The Reception playground has been extended to compensate for the area given to the new Unit and children will be able to use this area from the start of term. Nursery will also be ready in time for when the children start later this month.

The main entrance is due to be completed in the New Year so until then, the main entrance and temporary office will be through the door to the new home economics room (which was previously part of the small hall). The remodelled office area will be completed this term. Children should be brought in the morning to their normal playground entrance and signs will be up to help you find your way.

I'm sure you join us in looking forward to how great the facilities will be when all the work is complete. As with all building projects, we are having to be flexible and deal with alterations as things arise but the staff and governors are working exceptionally hard and we really appreciate everyone's patience and support during the works.

Whilst I have met some of you during my day visits in the Summer term and at the Summer Fair, I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone in the Darell community. I will be holding 'meet the Headteacher' sessions early in the Autumn term and look forward to working closely with you.

Yours sincerely

Laura Whateley
Headteacher

