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Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to welcoming you back to school tomorrow morning at 8.50 am. Please remember the only access to the new school for this half term will be the wooden gate on Field Lane. Staff will be outside school to guide you to the temporary playground area.

Children will play on the tarmac area for break times and will have access to the field at lunchtimes.

The gate on Field Lane will be open for access to school during the day time as there are black gates in front of the entrance that will be secure for safeguarding. At break time and lunch time the tarmac area in front of the Kier hoarding will be used as a playground as a temporary measure for the rest of term. In order to keep our children safe we will be locking the Field Lane gate during these times.

Over the next few days we will be showing all classes the safety systems, safe places to play and ways of moving around school. We are looking forward to showing off our new school tomorrow – every class will have a special tour.

PE Kits

Please can we ask that children do not bring PE kits to school this week. They will need them week commencing 6th March 2017. We now have lockers instead of coat pegs for Years 1 to 6, this will limit the size of PE bags.

World Book Day

World Book Day in school will be on Friday 10th March 2017. We would like to remind children that they can dress up as a book character on that day (more information on Thursday).

Demolition of parts of the Old School

I am aware of the concerns expressed by some parents regarding the demolition of the old school and stripping any asbestos materials from the old building.

I thought it might be helpful to inform you of processes already undertaken and what will happen prior to demolition. A preliminary survey was undertaken at the beginning of the project in 2011 when Kier consulted The City of York Council's asbestos log for the school and conducted a site visit.

As we have now vacated the building over the next three weeks a full refurbishment and demolition asbestos survey will take place, this is when every element of the building fabric will be investigated to find out if and where any asbestos is located.

We know that we have a minimal amount of asbestos in the 1950's part of the school, it is well encapsulated and has been managed according to statutory guidance. Once the survey is complete

and a report has been produced the asbestos removal specialist from Kier will prepare a plan to be submitted to the Health and Safety executive for ratification and safe removal.

This will happen when children are not present as an airtight enclosure will be constructed. The enclosure will be held under negative air pressure so that nothing in the form of asbestos fibres can escape. The removal operatives enter and exit dressed in their protective suits via an airlock. The material is removed and sealed in heaving gauge polythene bags before being removed via the air lock and placed in a lockable skip which is sent away to a licensed disposal site.

This is a very simplistic description of a complex process; I just wanted to reassure you that everyone's health, safety and well- being will not be compromised.

If anyone would like to speak to the asbestos representative from Kier Construction please contact Mr Mike Hartley, Contracts Manager for Kier Northern at Michael.hartley@kier.co.uk.

I look forward to a really exciting day tomorrow.

Welcome to the new Lord Deramore's.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheena Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and 'B'.

Head Teacher