



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to give you an update on the current situation and what has happened this week as part of Phase 2, rebuilding. It is important to understand that I am just as frustrated as you are about the current situation. The sooner we can get all students back into full time, face to face education the better. Please continue to be patient as we try and find solutions to solve the problems we face and make this return happen as quickly as possible.

Last week I met with Scarborough MP, Sir Robert Goodwill and voiced my frustrations about the current situation facing our students. This then led to a further meeting with Sir Robert and Baroness Barran who is the understudy to Secretary of State, Gillian Keegan. These meetings were productive, and I felt reassured about the future of the building both in the medium term, the procurement of temporary classrooms onto the school site and in the longer term as we discussed the need for a rebuild of the school. These discussions were certainly constructive.

This week initial plans were presented to Portakabin who are working through these proposals and will start to firm up timeframes over the next week. I will provide you with updates regarding this as soon as I have them.

### **Year 10 Students**

Tomorrow morning, I am meeting with the surveyor to ensure that the work that has been ongoing on site allows us to access 5 more classrooms in our main building. If the surveyor signs this work off, we are expecting to be able to allow Year 10 students back on-site, full time from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Year 10 students will be provided with a new timetable on Monday morning when they arrive on site. If there are any issues during the meeting with the surveyor that delays this return, I will let you know tomorrow.

### **Year 8 & 9 Students**

Once the Year 10 students are back on site, further work will be undertaken to get Year 8 & 9 students back full-time. Mr Davis is currently rewriting the entire school timetable to make this happen. This process usually takes around 3 months from start to finish, this is being completed over several days and is an enormous task, especially given the limitations on room availability.

We do require some modifications to spaces and classrooms around the school site to allow Year 8 & 9 students to come back full time I am hopeful that these modifications to the school building over the next couple of weeks will allow us to get all Year 8 & 9 students back on site by October Half-term. Due to classrooms restrictions, classes are likely to remain bubbled, similar to how the school operated during the pandemic. I will provide you with further information relating to Year 8 & 9 students at the start of next week. We are intending to run an information evening for Year 8 & 9 parents next week at the Rugby club. We will provide further details about this tomorrow.

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Today marks the 20<sup>th</sup> working day since we got the news about the change in DFE guidance relating to RAAC. I am extremely proud of the school community for how they have responded over the past 20 days. Please remain patient and allow us time to resolve this situation. I am excited about the classroom facilities that will be provided by Portakabin and feel we can continue to provide a good standard of education until these are provided on site.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Robertson

Headteacher