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Dear Parents

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Additional work needed in School due to fire

It has been a rather more eventful start to the new half term than we anticipated. We are actually very fortunate that the school had to be closed because of the snow yesterday, because there was a small fire on Sunday night, which has affected the Girl's toilets in the corridor. We had to call the Fire Brigade to ensure that it had gone out, then contact Insurers and the Forensic Fire Officer to assess the damage, and an electrician to make sure the electrical circuits were safe. We will be unable to use the Girl's toilets until they have been repaired, but the corridor itself and the Boy's toilets will be in use as usual. While we are waiting for the Girl's toilets to be repaired, the girls in Class 1 will use the toilets in Early Years, and the girls in Class 2 will use the Staff toilet.

Temporary new arrangements for coming in to school

We are delighted with our new floor coverings in the classroom, and the teachers and Mr Thompson have been working hard to make sure that all the furniture has been replaced and the classrooms are ready for the new half term. Thank you very much to the parents who helped us clear the rooms ready for the work to start.

We would like to keep our new flooring in good condition for as long as possible, so we would really appreciate your help in making sure the children are wearing clean footwear indoors.

Mrs Bowyer would like all Early Years children, including Reception, to come in to her classroom through the Early Years entrance in the morning, and leave their outdoor shoes and wellies in the racks provided. This includes Early Years children who are coming to Breakfast Club. They will be picked up at the end of the day from the Early Years entrance, including at the end of After School Clubs.

Children from Class 1 and 2 will come through the main school entrance, change into their plimsolls and leave their outdoor shoes and wellies in the entrance hall. We would like parents to wait by the main entrance at the end of the school day and after clubs and collect their children from there until the extension at the back of the building is finished. If it is raining, you will be welcome to come into the entrance and wait there.

Thank you for your help. We will update you as soon as possible when we know when the repairs are being done.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jenny Morgan