

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a successful procurement process, it is my pleasure to be able to inform you that we will be undergoing a massive refurbishment to our existing kitchen facilities. We have been hoping to update our kitchen for some years now, so we are very excited to get this project underway. Obviously, this building work will have an impact on the school day, but will we do everything in our power to minimise disruption.

**Furthermore, we will be having a PD day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for staff training and to ensure that all heavy plant and machinery can be delivered to site safely without the children being present.**

The time scale for this build is approximately twenty weeks, so we will need to work in term time as well as holidays to complete this project. We are also hoping that we experience good weather, so that we are able to maximize the daylight hours and complete the project before the August deadline. Naturally, we will liaise with the contractors to ensure that our pupils will be safe at all times during this time and we will keep you updated about progress.

Due to the fact that our original kitchen area will have to be demolished before the new one can be built, there will be implications on what lunches we will be able to offer in the summer term. Whilst we understand that some children do look forward to a hot meal choice, this **limited menu will only be for the summer term** after which we will have our brand new kitchen facilities onsite. Middlesbrough Catering Services have supported other schools during rebuild projects and have been very flexible with their suggestions. They will be offering a wide range of 'picnic' style lunch options with a small number of warm options such as pizza's and sausage rolls plus a variety of desserts and drinks.

The work will be located near the KS2 entrance and the site will be fenced off to pupils at all times. We will still be using the KS2 entrance gates to welcome year three to year six pupils, so it is important that children arrive on time. We expect there to be an increase in site traffic due to the building work and given that the contractors need to make the most of the working day, children need to be in class promptly so that the gates can be locked. Also, to ensure that the children leave swiftly at the end of the school day, **please can parents pick up year 3 and year 4 children at 3pm from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.** I appreciate this may cause slight inconvenience for some, however until this work is completed this is the safest option for the end of day.

#### **Brambles Daily Timings**

	Year Group	Gate	Timings
Monday	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y3 and Y4 3.00pm Y5 and Y6 3.10pm
Tuesday	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y3 and Y4 3.00pm Y5 and Y6 3.10pm
Wednesday	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y3 -1.20pm Y4 - 1.30pm Y5 -1.30pm Y6 -1.40pm
Thursday	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y3 and Y4 3.00pm Y5 and Y6 3.10pm
Friday	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y3 and Y4 3.00pm Y5 and Y6 3.10pm

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office or email us. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Ms Karen Gleave Head Teacher

