

20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you all well.

I am writing to share with you the news that the handover of the new building will be delayed. We were informed of this last week. The short delay means things aren't rushed, therefore ensuring the quality of what we will get. To accommodate the delay, we will need to change some dates in the new year to allow us to take this later occupancy. We want to do this in a way that does not remove teaching time from the students.

KIER anticipates the works on the building will be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> January and this is approximately one month prior to the end of the third term. Handover to the school is only permitted to happen during a holiday period, so this will now take place in the February half-term.

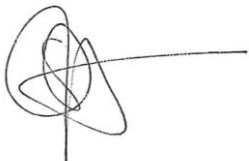
We can take positives from this. We now have a month during which students can visit the new building to become familiar with it. We can also pack and move over a longer period, rather than all at once at the end of this term. To enable us to take safe occupancy we will be unpacking during the half-term, however we will also need a further day to be ready to receive students. We will, therefore, make the following change:

- The school will now **open** to all students on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. This was previously allocated as an INSET day. Any child not able to attend on this day, due to a prior arrangement, will have their absence authorised.
- The school will now be **closed** to all students on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. This is the first Monday after the half-term and will enable staff to be ready to receive students the following day.

I appreciate this new closure will likely be inconvenient to some, however, in having to react to the delay we believe this switch will have the least impact on student learning by not adding any extra closure days.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Best wishes,

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**S P Shaw**  
Headteacher