



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to update you regarding the ongoing building work at St Levan, which was initially scheduled to be completed at the end of December 2024. Unfortunately, we have been informed that the completion date of the project has been delayed until 20th January 2025.

In light of this delay, we have been monitoring the progress of the works even more closely and liaising with the Local Authority and the contractors as we very carefully considered the timing of our return.

We completely appreciate how keen everyone is to return to our school building and we also appreciate that you will be missing the level of face to face contact with school that you are used to but there are several other factors we have to consider to ensure that the move back is as seamless as possible.

As we have reflected on this, we initially considered the end of January as a possible date but, taking everything into consideration we have made the decision to extend the timeline for our children's return an extra 8 (school) days beyond this until the week before February half term. This decision was not made lightly, and I would like to explain the rationale behind it;

**Natural Break:** The timing of the half term provides a natural break for our children. This pause will allow us to ensure that the return to the building is as smooth and positive as possible, fostering excitement and anticipation among the children.

**Staff Well-Being:** We are also mindful of our staff's well-being during this transition. By allowing additional time, we can better manage the logistics of the move and ensure that our team is fully prepared to welcome the children back into their newly refurbished environment.

**Time for Contingencies:** The extra time before the return will serve as a 'cushion' should any unexpected issues arise. Once the building work is completed, we will need to conduct thorough snagging, check all systems incl. IT, and address any repairs or replacements that may be necessary. This ensures that when the children do return, everything is in optimal condition.

**Movement of INSET Days:** It will be necessary to move the January INSET days (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>) as these are being used to facilitate the move back to our building. We appreciate that moving these days may be an inconvenience to parents and therefore we don't want to be in a position where there is a further delay and we have to move them a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. The INSET days will now be **13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February** giving you all an extended half term break.

We understand that this extended timeline may cause some upheaval for families, and we really appreciate your patience and understanding during this period. We know that everyone is eager for the children to return to their familiar surroundings, and we are committed to making this transition as seamless as possible. Please note that the transport arrangements will continue until we return to St Levan.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,



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