

BUILDING WORK UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and we all look forward to seeing you again in a few days at Rothbury First School.

We have had a busy summer at school and the building work is well underway on the flat roofs, the Nursery classroom, and the interior walls to the two toilet blocks and entrance corridors. The new colour scheme is lovely and we hope that you like it as much as we do. Unfortunately, funds did not stretch to the completion of all planned works so the proposed refurbishment to the car park and the conservatory have not been taken forward.

As part of the school is still a designated building site, there are going to be restrictions to school access. Please take note of these:

- **CAR PARK:** We have a reduced number of spaces in the car park due to the access requirements through the emergency gates and the contractors' storage unit. Please, where possible, do not bring your car onto the school site. Also, from now on, for access and safety reasons, we can no longer allow parking in front of our emergency gates.
- **BUGGIES & PRAMS:** Please leave buggies and prams outside the main entrance at all times as we are no longer able to accommodate these in school due to the potential obstruction of the emergency exits.

Until the building work completes, we are limited to only one access point into school: the main entrance. We do not have access to the far entrance, the far toilet block/corridor nor the Nursery classroom. To ease congestion in school, the following arrangements are in place:

- **DROP OFF:**
On Tuesday morning at 8.50 (when the bell rings), Nursery and Reception parents should enter school via the main entrance and drop their children off in the Reception classroom. At present Nursery and Reception do not have access to a designated cloakroom for coats/bags, so please take these straight into the classroom. If you are still in the building at the time that we are bringing the rest

of the children into school, please be aware that we may ask you to wait until all of the children have reached their classrooms before you are able to exit the school. Our Nursery and Reception classes will be sharing the Reception classroom until the building works are complete.

Children in Years 1 to 4 will be brought into school by their teachers.

- **COLLECTION:**

Nursery parents should access the school via the main entrance at 11.50am.

Please be aware that children will be moving from school to the Dining Hall during this period so there may be times when we may ask you to wait to avoid congestion in the corridor.

Reception parents should access the school via the main entrance at 1.20pm.

At 3.15pm, Years 1 to 4 children will be dismissed from their lines in the school yard, so please wait on the yard and come forward when you see that your child is at the front of their line. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please wait until all of their class has been collected.

- **SCHOOL OFFICE:**

If parents need to access the school office during the first week of term, please wait until the end of the day after the children have been collected.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to being able to show you the completed works soon!

Kind regards,
Nicki Mathewson