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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you again to keep you informed on the progress we are making with the management of the RAAC that was identified within our academy. We also wanted to reassure you that plans are well underway to allow us back into our usual school buildings as soon as possible.

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to you as our parents and carers, as well as our students, for working with us over the last six weeks. We appreciate it has not been straight forward and thank you for your understanding.

We are working as quickly as possible to get things as closely back to normal as we can, both in the medium and long term, though our absolute priority remains the safety of our students and staff. The team at BDAT and our senior leadership team at school are therefore working very closely with the Department for Education, structural engineers, and other experts daily to make sure the plans we put in place are the best ones possible. Please be assured that we will only reopen the buildings when it is safe.

Given the current information we have, indications are that we hope to have all students and staff back in our own school building by **Monday the 30th of October 2023**. That means children currently attending Shipley C of E school will return to Christ Church immediately after half term. Given we still cannot access some areas of the school we are making the following changes for the next few weeks.

- **Children in years 1, 2, 5 & 6** need to arrive and be collected outside KS1 entrance which is at the back of the building next to the main playground.
- **Children in Year 4** to arrive and be collected at the front KS2 area (as per current procedures)
- **Children in Year 3** to arrive and be collected outside Reception classroom (as per current procedures)
- There is no change for children in **Nursery & Reception**.

Please arrive at the usual time of 8:50am.

In addition, we are also in the process of installing a temporary kitchen which will mean that we can revert to a normal school menu serving hot and cold food. We expect this to be in place by the 4th December.

Whilst we continue to be impacted by the RAAC situation. I'm sure you agree this is welcome news and we are as delighted as anyone to get all our children back to Christ Church Academy.

Please rest assured that work to address the RAAC situation is moving at a fast pace, and I will provide you with a further update in the next few weeks.

Once again thank you for your support and understanding over the last few weeks. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. P Foster
Head Teacher