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Dear Parent / Carer

The school recently secured significant funding that will enable us to extend our dining room facilities. As you may be aware our dining room has always been rather small for a school of our size. The consequence of this has often meant it can become busy and sometimes crowded, especially during the winter months when fewer students go outside. **I can now confirm the construction phase for our extended facilities will commence on Monday 18th March 2024.** Once complete the larger space will provide seating for an additional 160 students.

Changes to Operations During Construction

The construction of the dining room extension is expected to take approximately 12 weeks. This will inevitably mean some day to day changes for our students. Please see below a summary of the changes that we will be making students aware of this week.

Entrance to the school building

During the period of construction students will no longer enter the building via the current dining room entrance. From Monday 18th March students must enter the school building through the door next to our music classroom.

Exit from the school building

During the period of construction students have two options through which to **exit** the building:

1. The door next to our music classroom (MU1)
2. The door next to DT1.

Accessing PE lessons and changing rooms

During the period of construction students will access the PE changing rooms through the double door in the front yard directly opposite the pool table.

Grab and Go Food

Our Grab and Go Food Pod will be relocated to the back yard. There is likely to be a 2 week disruption to our service provided at this food pod. I will write to you separately to confirm the details on this closer to the 18th March. There will be no disruption to our main diner service and hot meals will continue to be served throughout the construction.

After lunch line up

At the end of lunch students in Years 7 and 9 will continue to line up in the front yard with slight adjustment to where they stand. Students in Years 8 and 10 will continue to line up in the back yard in exactly the same location as they do currently.



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Emergency Evacuation

For the period of construction there will be a change to our emergency evacuation procedures. In the event of an emergency students will no longer be able to exit the building via the current dining room doors. Our evacuation assembly points will remain the same (MUGA and Tennis Courts at the far end of the school site near the vehicle entrance).

The emergency exits will be as follows:

1. Exit next to music classroom.
2. Exit next to DT 1.
3. The main entrance.
4. Exit to the backyard.
5. Exit via the doors at the bottom of the science stairs (opposite SC1—Mr Hesford's lab), then follow the path around the rear of the sports hall.

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

I would like to emphasise that safeguarding, health and safety of all stakeholders (staff, pupils, parents and visitors) have been taken with utmost consideration when planning for this project. The contractors are expected to adhere to the health and safety regulations and practices before, during and after the construction project. All construction staff working onsite will be DBS-checked as part of our normal safeguarding protocols.

Year 11 Exams

Finally, I would like to reassure parents and carers of students in Year 11 that the construction will not impact on the conditions in which the students will sit their GCSE exams. Throughout the planning stage of the project we have been working closely with the contractors so that any noise levels do not disrupt exams and any work that has the potential to cause disruption will be paused.

In the next week we will speak to all students about these changes and the prospect of a fantastic new dining space at the school. In the meantime please draw your child's attention to the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Harris
Principal



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