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Dear Shacklewell families,

Welcome Back

I am really thrilled to be writing to welcome you all back to Shacklewell for the new academic year. I am hopeful that you have all enjoyed the summer break and I look forward to hearing all about what you have been up to, over the coming days.

I am delighted to share that over the summer holiday, scaffolding has been put in place around the school in preparation for the roof replacement and the installation of solar panels. This is an exciting step forward for us, as this project will not only enhance our school building but also reflects our commitment to sustainability and caring for the environment. Once completed, the solar panels will help reduce our energy costs and support greener practices, benefiting both the school community and future generations.

Whilst this longer term goal is something to look forward to, in the short term the building works will impact some parts of the school day.

Access to the Key Stage 2 Playground:

There are some new routines for the Key Stage 2 Playground:

- Children in Years 3 -6 will be able to enter the school in the morning via the Key Stage 2 gate
- Parents will not be able to enter or leave the school via this gate in the morning or the afternoon.
- In order to collect children in Year 3 - 6 at the end of the day, families must access the school via the main gate and walk through the Key Stage 1 playground.
- Children will not be sent up to the Key Stage 1 playground to meet their families- all parents and carers must come down to the Key Stage 2 playground and meet their child's teacher before exiting via the Key Stage 1 playground.

Access to the Front Office:

The office area has been severely restricted due to the scaffolding structure so please support us by being patient with all colleagues. To support you and weather permitting, a small mobile office will be located beside the bike shelter to allow families to leave messages, drop off paperwork or make enquiries. I would also request that you consider if your visit to the office could be an email or phone call or if you could consider attending the school at quieter times in order to access the office staff directly. We will constantly review these arrangements and as always welcome your feedback.



Playtimes:

I am pleased to share that the scaffolding does not impact on the pupils' breaktimes and lunchtimes. However we are changing supervision in the playgrounds for breaktime and lunchtime. Children will now be supervised by classroom support staff during breaktime and lunchtime and there will also be an increased leadership presence at both breaktime and lunchtime. These changes have been instigated in order to ensure all children have a high quality play experience.

I appreciate that these changes may raise questions or comments so please do not hesitate to contact the team if you require clarification.

Kind regards,



Rory McGrath
Headteacher