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### **WELCOME BACK!**

I hope you all enjoyed your summer break, I bet you have some great stories to tell of your holiday adventures.

As you can see we have been very busy over the past 6 weeks whilst you have been away and are pleased to have completed your new hall. We hope you agree that it is a fantastic space and we really hope you enjoy using it for various activities during your time at Loddon School. The external paved areas will be completed over the next two weeks and we think it will look fantastic both from inside and out. All the planters will be populated with shrubs and lots of seating will be placed on the paved area as you approach the building.

### **WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW?**

From now until just before Christmas we will be tucked away outside your old school hall. We will be converting this area into three classrooms and some new toilets and also installing some additional drainage in the roadway. This means that the connecting path between Hillside and the main school playground will be closed for the duration of this phase of our works.

This part of our contract is called refurbishment and in some respects we enter into the unknown as we start to strip away a fifty year old building so that we can make it look nice and new. This is likely to present us with quite a few challenges as there is not a lot of information about how this area was built. We have already encountered one issue, details of which I have listed below for your information and comfort.

### **ASBESTOS**

As with most buildings of this age, asbestos is a common find. During investigative works under the floor in the hall we discovered some small areas containing this substance. This area is currently isolated from the school, as it has always been, and our site works alike and over the next week we will be working towards it in order that we can remove the offending materials safely. These removal works are planned to take place during the weekend of 15 and 16 September by a licensed specialist and at no time will the children, staff, parents or our workforce be put in any danger or contact with this asbestos. Once the offending materials are removed, our specialist will carry out a number of air tests in the surrounding areas to ensure there is no danger for the future.

I would like to clarify that this has not and will not present any danger what-so-ever to any of us, children, staff, parents, visitors or our workforce.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email on [neilharding@francisconstruction.co.uk](mailto:neilharding@francisconstruction.co.uk)