

Dear parents/carers,

As you are aware, we had hoped to move to the new building this June, but despite this and due to circumstances beyond our control, there have been repeated and continued delays on, the Department for Education and the building company who are responsible for the building project are currently working to resolve the issues.

The most recent timings show that we are now expecting to get the keys to the new building by 5th September.

Consequently, this means that we are going to have a bit of a different start to the year, as we will need time to be able to set up the new building as well as prepare the secondary/nursery accommodation at Brambles.

<u>Therefore, we will be opening the academy to all children, from nursery to year 7, on</u> <u>Monday 12th September.</u>

To support this and to limit the impact on the children and on you as families, we have changed our planned Professional Development days next year and are now taking four PD days at the beginning of September on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th. This means that the 7th, 8th and 9th September will be the only days taken for exceptional circumstances and during these three days, we will offer a blended learning approach.

As well as learning packs being delivered or posted, there will be videos on the website of staff reading stories and singing number rhymes, or demonstrating an activity they want you to complete with your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01642 248333.

We thank you for your patience and support in this matter and look forward to all of our children returning and joining us in school on **Monday 12th September**.

Your sincerely,

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