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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - Wednesday 3rd January 2023

Good afternoon to you all,

Firstly, a huge thank you for your support in ensuring we could close the school just before the holidays in a timely and safe manner. We always value the close partnership we have with you all for the benefit of our amazing children.

On the day we had to make the decision to close (advised by North Tyneside Council) we noticed an issue in an empty part of the school building and dealt with it quickly to prevent any potential harm to children and our staff team.

What is the issue?

Over the last two weeks we have been working on site with North Tyneside Council, structural engineers, and other experts to find the cause of the issue. After completion of structural surveys it is clear that further work is needed in specific sections of the two-storey part of the school building to make it fully safe for all of our children and staff team to return to school. The rest of the building has been checked and has not been affected.

Along with myself, my senior leaders, and governors, I know that you will want us to be fully confident that the building is completely safe for your children and our staff team to return before we allow everyone back into the affected parts of the building.

I'd also like to reassure you that our school was not built with RAAC, a survey was carried out in 2020 to confirm this.

Which parts of the building are affected?

- 2RB (Mrs Boyes class), Nursery, Fordley Flyers, Afterschool Club room
- KS2 classrooms (Y3 to Y6)



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Which parts of the building are not affected?

- The school hall, gym, main corridor, staff room
- Reception classes, Y1 classes, 2EM (Miss Morey's class)
- KS1 entrance and KS1 corridor, KS1 toilets, main school entrance, main school office

What does this mean for my child?

Next week, from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th January, we will be providing home learning (remote learning) for as many children as possible who can be looked after at home.

This means we will be asking for as many children as possible to stay at home, with a planned return to face-to-face learning from Monday 15 January.

This will allow our school team, supported by North Tyneside Council, to prepare for the continued delivery of education safely.

HOME LEARNING/REMOTE LEARNING - will be posted on Seesaw or available as a physical pack to collect from the main office on Tuesday 9th January from 8am.

Why has the decision only been made today, and not earlier?

It was essential that a full and detailed survey of the entire building was carried out before any decisions were made. I (along with Mr Maule) have met with North Tyneside Council earlier this week, and on several occasions last week, to plan out all possible options so that decisions could be made quickly once we knew the outcome of the survey.

What happens for my child if there will be no-one at home to look after them?

If you have to leave home to go to work, and there will be no one available to look after your child, we will be able to have them in school within the classrooms that are not affected. Your child will be doing the same year group learning as the children who are remaining at home.



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PLEASE NOTE - We will only have access to 5 classrooms for next week so please only request a place if you absolutely need one.

What do I need to do if my child needs to come into school?

Email office@fordleyprimary.org.uk to request a place **by Friday** and we will respond to you directly.

What happens next?

All school staff on the training day (MONDAY 8th JANUARY) will focus on setting learning on Seesaw (for those who can access it online) and creating packs of learning to be collected from school (for any children who prefer a physical pack of learning)

We will then be working with North Tyneside Council to enable all children to return to face-to-face learning from Monday 15th January. I will keep you fully informed of progress towards the full return to school and any plans for specific year groups.

And finally

The last thing I, and my amazing governors and staff team, ever want to do is cause any disruption to your child's education and the fantastic progress they are making, as well as complicating busy family life. However we will always put your child's safety first and this current situation could never have been predicted. As the challenging time we all went through during COVID proved, we are always stronger together and will get through this with great support for each other, great communication and community spirit.

If you have any direct questions, please feel free to email office@fordleyprimary.org.uk and we will respond to them as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Withers
Headteacher

