

Dear Parents/Carers,

New Build Update

As you will know we were expecting the building to be completed over the summer holidays ready for the start of a new school year. Unfortunately, unforeseen delays in legal documentation related to the electricity substation mean that the building will not now be ready until the start of term 2.

I want to assure you that every effort has been made to try to resolve this situation including exploring alternative options and contingency plans. Unfortunately, we have not been able to prevent this issue from delaying the programme.

This means that for term 1 we will remain in the old building as we are now.

This also means that we will not need to close the school at the start of September as we originally intended. School will now start for children on **Tuesday 4th September**.

We will, however, need to close the school for 3 extra days around the October holiday in order to pack (before the holiday) and unpack and get the school ready for children in term 2 (after the holiday).

The end of term 1 and the start of term 2 will, therefore look like this:

Wednesday 24th October: School closed to children for packing in the old building.

Thursday 25th October: School closed to children for INSET (already planned)

Friday 26th October: School closed to children for packing in the old building.

Holiday: Monday 29th October to 2nd November: Builders to move furniture and ICT etc from old school to new school.

Monday 5th November: School closed to children for unpacking and getting ready for teaching in the new building.

Tuesday 6th November: School closed to children for unpacking and getting ready for teaching in the new building.

Wednesday November 7th: Term 2 starts for children in the new building

A further INSET day will now be held on **Monday 25th February** to replace the INSET day originally planned for 26th October.

As the uniform supplier has already switched to the new logo and colour we will start term 1 wearing the new uniform, even though we will be in the old building.

I appreciate that the move delay will be very disappointing for children and their families but we are still excited that by term 2 we will have a brand-new school.

If you have any questions please email the school at info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk

Yours faithfully,

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Principal