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Dear Parent/Carer

15th December 2023

Re: Refurbishment of Amethyst Learning Zone

Now that the building work is complete to replace the heating pipework and we have our heating back on, we are now able to begin the refurbishment of the Amethyst Learning Zone. This area of school has suffered from three separate significant floods over the course of the Autumn Term.

As a result, there is a huge amount of damage resulting in having to replace the flooring; new damp proofing to be applied; re-plastering of the walls; new skirting boards and a full re-decoration of the whole unit. In addition, teaching resources and equipment has also been damaged. Before any of this work can be carried out the existing flooring has to be removed by a specialist Asbestos removal company and dehumidifiers are to be put in place to dry out the walls and floor.

On Tuesday 19th December 2023, the contractors will arrive on site to begin the job of removing the flooring and installing the dehumidifiers to allow the area to dry out over the Christmas holidays.

The rest of the work to restore our Reception/Year 1 Learning Zone will begin when we return to school in January. Therefore, with effect from Wednesday 3rd January 2024, children who are in the Amethyst Learning Zone should enter via the Opal (Nursery) door and be collected from this door too. Their classroom will be moved to the Pearl Learning Zone which is situated at the other side of the nursery unit.

At the current time, I am unable to give a timescale for how long the children will be in the Pearl Learning Zone but I anticipate that they will be there for at least the first half of the Spring Term.

I apologise for any inconvenience this causes and would like to reassure you that this work is being funded by our insurance company and is not impacting on our already challenging school budget.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross

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