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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Update on Sewer Flood

Following my letter yesterday afternoon, you will have noticed that the plan changed again just after its publication.

The decision was taken not to open the Ruby toilets today but to hire in portable toilets which were arranged at short notice last night. These toilets are being used by the children in Emerald and Diamond due to the height of the toilets and urinals being too high for our younger children. Children in Sapphire and Ruby are using the indoor toilets situated beside the Emerald Learning Zone. We are purchasing additional small steps to help them to access the soap dispensers and paper towels.

Myself and Paul Rickeard (CEO) have met with the Loss Adjustor today and the outcome is that all affected areas will need to be stripped back to the brickwork and totally refurbished with all resources and items in those contaminated areas scrapped. As you can imagine this is a huge job with huge implications which I am currently working through.

The good news is that we have a plan to ensure that we continue to operate whilst the work and refurbishment is carried out.

Ruby, Emerald and Diamond remain unaffected.

Sapphire will continue to be based in the Topaz Learning Zone (After School Room) and children should continue to be dropped off and collected from there until further notice.

Amethyst will be based in the Pearl Learning Zone and should be dropped off and collected from the side door to the right of the school which used to be the entrance to SCAMPS.

Opal remain in their learning zone but should be dropped off and collected from the usual Opal door but accessed from the right-hand side of school through the gate which is past the old SCAMPS entrance (now the Amethyst entrance).

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I appreciate that this confusing and staff will be available in the morning to direct parents accordingly.

The reason for the redirection for Opal and Amethyst is that part of the Early Years yard has had to be closed off for external contractors access.

After School Club will now be held in the Pearl Learning Zone and therefore children should be collected from the side door which used to be SCAMPS entrance now being used by Amethyst. This is the same arrangement as we had in place during the replacement of the heating pipes earlier in the year.

Over the next few days I will be issuing more specific information via letters on our website and will text you when they are there to be read.

Thank you again for all of your messages of support and offers of help – the team and myself really appreciate your understanding and good wishes.

Yours sincerely

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