



"To develop every child, every day, in every possible way"

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy and different start to our year at Albany. It has been wonderful to see the children return for the start of the term, smiling and playing with their friends - even though we are in different locations at the moment. I have been so proud of the children's attitude to learning and behaviour since we have returned to school in these new circumstances and we should all be proud of how well they have adapted.

I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in adjusting to new routines and going above and beyond to support your children. Thank you also for your support over the past few weeks, from what we have seen it shows the strength of Albany as a community, not just a building.

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the ongoing assessment of the school buildings.

As previously communicated, the Council is continuing to undertake detailed investigations and assessments to fully understand the condition of the school building and the work that may be required before it can be safely reoccupied.

Due to the scale of the assessment work still required, it is now anticipated that pupils will remain at their temporary school location until at least the end of December.

I understand that this may be disappointing news for families, and we appreciate the patience, understanding and support that parents and carers have shown throughout this period. The school and the Local Authority's priority is the safety and wellbeing of pupils, staff and the wider school community.

The structural survey programme is expected to be completed over the coming weeks. Once this work has been finalised, The Local Authority will have a clearer understanding of the condition of the building and the extent of any works required to support a safe return to the school site. Following receipt of the survey findings, we will arrange a further meeting with parents and carers to share the outcome of the assessments, provide an update on any necessary building works, discuss anticipated timescales and next steps for the school.

I would also like to provide an update regarding the scaffolding currently in place at the school site. As part of the ongoing management of the building the scaffolding at the front of the building will be removed in the coming weeks. The temporary public protection measures are no longer required as the stonework repairs to the front of the building have now been completed and any remaining works to the rear of the building will take place within a restricted and secure area of the site. Removal of the scaffolding will also enable the Council to install additional CCTV equipment to enhance site security.

The school site will continue to be managed as a restricted site, and measures will remain in place to ensure the building is kept safe and secure throughout the assessment period.

I appreciate that families may have questions, and I have been assured by the Local Authority that they remain committed to keeping you informed as further information becomes available. I will continue to provide regular updates and will contact you as soon as arrangements for the next parent meeting have been confirmed.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Yours sincerely,

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