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Summer Building Work

Over the last three summers we have had major building projects taking place over the summer holiday period and this summer is no different as we have two projects on the go.

Firstly, a new mains power cable will be installed from the road to the school and connected to our new electrical intake cupboards. This will increase the electrical capacity of the school and is the final piece of work for the larger electrical project that has been ongoing.

The work is scheduled to last around 10 days and will be completed in the middle of August.

The second project is on a bigger scale. As you may remember we had to open the school late one day earlier in the year due to a flood caused by a leak from pipework that was being installed as part of the water distribution project. The flood covered floors in three classrooms, two corridors, the hall, the lobby and an office.

An insurance claim through the contractor's insurer was approved and the details of the work agreed last week. It will involve the replacement of all the affected floors with brand new floors – like for like. The three classrooms and the hall have parquet floors which are beautiful, but complex to replace.

Replacement of these parquet floorings may require up to eight weeks to accommodate thorough drying, proper glueing, and finishing with varnish. Although we have been assured that the work in the hall (along with the corridors, office and lobby) will be completed by the time we return, the work in the classrooms will not be able to be finished over the five-week break.

This will mean that the new 5P, 4CH and 4B will be taught in temporary classrooms at the back of the school for the first few weeks of the Autumn Term. These will be delivered during the holiday period so that they can be configured and set up ready for furniture, resources and children in September.

Until the classrooms are set up and ready to use, we won't know the final details of things like access to the rooms, but our aim is for it to have minimal impact on teaching and learning when we come back.

As staff return to work on 29 August, we will be able to update you at this point with regards to any logistical changes that need to be made for the classes affected. Please rest assured that we will aim for it to have the minimum impact on children's learning.

Once the work is completed, we will have an almost brand-new school that should last for years to come.

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