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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 3 and Year 6 return to Greenacres

I am writing to you to give you the latest update on the situation at Greenacres.

Next week will see the return of the Year 3 and Year 6 children to the Greenacres site. This is great news and I know that this will be a huge relief to parents with pupils in these classes. The children have been very sensible about the temporary arrangements we have had in place and this has been very much appreciated by their teachers and teaching assistants.

We are now working through the building to make sure that everything is secure and safe for the whole school to be available for our pupils and staff. The next area we will be focussing our attention on is the old Year 4 classrooms, the Hive and the kitchen.

At this point, I wanted to highlight the care and concern that we are taking in the re-opening of our building for our school community. This process has been very long and very challenging. The works and mitigations that we are putting in place was to ensure the safe return of all our children/staff by October half term. However, as with any building of this age, the maintenance and works will not completely finish.

We have received independent reports to confirm that the works we are doing will mitigate risk to those in and around our school and this is why we continue to work through the school methodically to ensure that each area is re-opened in a timely and safe way.

The Trust does appreciate that moving pupils back into the Greenacres building is not in line with the parent meeting when our colleagues from Department for Education (DfE) attended. However, since that meeting, there have been further developments and we have taken a raft of additional advice and guidance. The DfE has been supporting us as we make progress.

We would like to reassure you that safety will not be compromised and that the children's safety remains our top priority. Greenacres pupils will not be taught in a building that could be considered in any way to be an unsupportive learning environment.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the school and the Trust as we begin to return to the school building. It has been a stressful and unsettling period for staff, parents and pupils alike and we have been very aware of this over this difficult time. We do continue to try and share information as we have it, but appreciate the frustration and uncertainty that you may have had, particularly over the summer.

I can assure you that the only reason for the delay is that we have tried to only share information that has been confirmed and checked.

We hope that we are now turning the corner and we look forward to having the entire Greenacres community back in one place and all together. Thank you again for your patience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Bridge'.

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Principal

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