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Dear Parents

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are expecting the arrival and installation of our temporary building to take place next week. Please read the information below very carefully and ensure that all members of your family, particularly your children, act upon the advice given below. Thank you for your continued support.

INSTALLATION SCHEDULE

The installation of the temporary building begins on Monday 1st December with the preparation of the ground and foundations for the building. On Tuesday (2nd December) morning, the building will arrive. Given the size of the units, their arrival is going to present a significant task for those charged with its delivery. Large vehicles with integral cranes will arrive on site once the children have arrived for school. **Access to the school for these vehicles will require the closure of both Bazley Road and Lingard Road on Tuesday morning.**

**Please DO NOT USE LINGARD ROAD or BAZLEY ROAD on TUESDAY morning.
Please DO NOT PARK anywhere on LINGARD ROAD on TUESDAY morning
Please DO NOT PARK on BAZLEY ROAD at ANY TIME.**

The school and Manchester City Council have written to all residents of Bazley Road and Lingard Road and to owners of the businesses on Palatine Road to warn them of this operation and the need for cars to be removed from both roads on this day. We have also requested the support of the police on this day.

PARKING AND ACCESS TO BAZLEY ROAD – PLEASE READ AND SUPPORT US

Again, I would like to remind everyone NOT TO DRIVE DOWN or PARK on Bazley Road. We have been so disappointed to hear from our local PCSOs in recent weeks that some parents have argued with them in the road when asked not to access Bazley Road. Arguing with police officers is hardly a good example to be setting our children. PCSO presence should not actually be necessary; it should be enough that we have asked parents so many times not to drive down Bazley Road. I feel it is a shame that we cannot count on the support of every parent and that the priority for some is about convenience and saving a few moments of time. It is clear that for some parents, the needs of the school and the children's safety are of no concern at all. This is particularly true of the parent who did a five-point turn, almost reversing into the school gates, at 8.50am this morning when children and parents were trying to pass. I make no apology (except to those who do care and do support us) for the strength of this message nor for the fact that I will keep repeating it as often as I have to.

SAFETY ON SITE

The temporary accommodation will be situated in the main car park between the two entrance gates. It is a relatively large unit which will accommodate up to 80 children, mainly for dining. Space and available walking space in the car park will therefore be significantly reduced. There will be two entrances to the unit – one situated to the side of the unit (near the vehicle entrance gate) and one in front of the unit (a long-ramped entrance) directly facing the school office. The area will initially be coned for safety.



The presence of this temporary building will present a number of safety hazards and restrictions. It will provide a very tempting hiding place for children and will mean that children walking or running ahead of their parents may not be seen. **You are therefore asked to ensure a greater supervision of your children, ensuring that they :**

- **DO NOT leave the playground or enter the premises without you**
- **DO NOT run or walk ahead of you (please keep them at your side)**
- **DO NOT play or ride bicycles, scooters or skateboards anywhere on the school premises**

The children have been told about the arrival of the temporary building this morning and have been given the above instructions. Given that the space between the temporary unit and the front of the school building (the scaffolding) will be restricted, we may, if safe to do so, open the main double gates for parents and children to enter/leave the premises at the beginning and end of each day.

SCHOOL MEALS – TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER (PHASED)

Once installed, the temporary building has to be made safe, linked to our electricity supply and fitted out to provide adequate catering services. This will take some time. The plan at this stage is to start the serving of HOT school meals from Tuesday 9th December. On this day, hot meals will be served to our Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 children only. On Wednesday 10th December, the plan is to serve hot meals to all children. We are aware that some children have changed from a school meal to a packed lunch from home, given the circumstances. We will therefore be sending a letter with reply slip home next week for your confirmation of your child's meal arrangements from Tuesday 9th December.

Once again, thank you for your continued support as we move further forward.

Yours sincerely

Ian Beard
Headteacher