

## 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your continued support in this unprecedented time. We wanted to let you know that despite our pupils being in different locations, we are continuing to work hard to support face-to-face learning and have been impressed by the resilience and adaptability of our pupils. If you have not already, do take a look at the film and photographs we have posted on our social media showing the children in their new environments, it is lovely to see them enjoying themselves.

As you know we are communicating regularly with the Department for Education (DfE) who are working hard behind the scenes assessing the extend of the issues in our school building and formulating plans as to how we move forward. As you will appreciate this is a logistically complex issue and all parties want to ensure that all factors are considered and that plans are robust before we move forward. The current arrangements will be in place until Christmas and we are continuing to meet regularly with the DfE and hope to share longer-term plans shortly.

We are continuing to make improvements with our partners to our current locations so we can provide pupils with the best experience in the circumstances. We are delighted to now be offering hot meals and have our regular whole school meet up on Fridays to allow us to come together as a school community.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank both our pupils and their parents and carers for their patience and understanding and also the school staff team, who are working so hard in difficult circumstances, and continue to amaze me with their positive can-do attitudes.

We appreciate and share your frustrations in terms of long-term plans and as soon as we have further information from the DfE we will share this. We WILL open again, and we will forever be grateful for your faith and support. Our people make our school community, not the buildings and we are delighted to see that sense of community is still evident each day.

Best wishes,

Mrs L. Peart Headteacher