



BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – SCHOOL SITE

Dear parents & carers,

I am writing to inform you about an important update regarding part of the school building.

As part of North Somerset's responsibilities to ensure that all buildings within its estate are safe and fit for use, an inspection was undertaken over the summer of the dining hall, school kitchen, staffroom and learning mentor rooms which are at the front of the school. To err on the side of caution North Somerset has taken the decision that these rooms should not be used at this time. Arrangements have been made for barriers to be placed around accessible public parts of these buildings to avoid any accidental access, and we have contractors working with us to relocate equipment used in these rooms to other areas of the remaining site.

In recent months, we have been working with the local authority to develop a plan for the removal of these buildings, and the necessary changes that would then be made within the school site to accommodate this. We will share these plans with the wider school community in due course.

Whilst the closure of these buildings will obviously have an impact on the day to day running of the school I am sure that everyone will understand that the most important thing is to ensure the safety of everyone on site. Please can I therefore stress that parents must ensure their children do not cross or climb on the barriers placed around the hall building which are there for everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

As hot meals will not be able to be cooked at Banwell School during this interim period they will need to be brought in from another local school. As there are strict regulations that our caterers must adhere to regarding the transportation and serving of hot food, new equipment has had to be purchased. Unfortunately this equipment is unlikely to be here for the start of term, despite our best efforts to have this in place. This means that initially we will only be able to offer a packed lunch service to all children. Further information about the packed lunches will be sent to parents this week as soon as we receive it from Aspens, our caterers. Children in Puffin and Kingfisher classes (YR-Y2) and children entitled to free school meals will be able to have a packed lunch provided by school. All other parents will be able to purchase a packed lunch for their child if they wish. Please be assured that we will continue to push for this equipment to be in school as soon as possible so that we can resume our hot meals provision in the very near future.

Whilst the current situation will provide a little inconvenience in the short term the longer term outcome, once work has been completed, will be that we have an enhanced school site which will also be much more aesthetically pleasing too. I will provide further updates in due course.

Best wishes,
Claire Pocock
Headteacher

