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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the Department for Education (DfE) has approved a major flood prevention project on the school field, which will begin during the February half term.

The appointed contractor, Ground Control, will start works by erecting secure fencing around the site to ensure the school grounds remain safe while the project is underway. This is a significant investment by the DfE, totalling hundreds of thousands of pounds, and is designed to protect the school from future flooding.

While this is a large and complex project, we are extremely excited about the long-term benefits. Once complete, the work will create a wonderful outdoor environment spanning the whole of the back field, offering our pupils valuable opportunities for outdoor learning. The main field will look much as it does now, with extensive drainage systems installed underground before the area is reseeded so it can return to use as a school field. Naturally, a project of this scale will cause some disruption. The work is expected to take approximately 14 weeks, which would take us to mid-June, assuming everything runs smoothly. After this, the field will need additional time for the new grass to establish and become robust enough for children to use safely. This means the field will be unavailable for sports days and similar events for several months beyond the completion date.

As a result, we are planning to use an alternative space within the village for sports days and outdoor events during the spring and summer terms. I will be in touch about those alternative arrangements once I have confirmation. I appreciate that this may feel frustrating but protecting the school from further catastrophic flooding is essential, and this temporary sacrifice is one I firmly believe is worth making. The flood prevention measures may also help protect the wider village and community in the future, as the new drainage systems and pump can hold an enormous amount of water.

I will share further technical details and a site plan as soon as I am able to do so, which should be after half term. I wanted to update you now, particularly as those of you living locally may notice activity on the field over the holiday as preparations begin.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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