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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 7th September. This first week of term will be widely compromised from a site point of view, but will not affect the enthusiasm, professionalism and adaptability of our staff, to make the best start for your children.

Update on site works

The Department for Education (DfE) contractors are determinedly progressing the various site projects, which include the demolition and replacement of eight portacabins (Years 2,3 and 5), new windows to the Hostel block (Year 4), new radiators to most of the primary buildings (all years) and new heating pipes for the whole school (tunnelling through two of our three playgrounds).

There is still much to do on this delayed project, despite our best efforts. We look forward to reaping the benefits of this work during September.

Safety

In order to keep everyone safe and in good order, I urge you to read the information you have received in the last few weeks, relating to the return of the Primary School. This includes the information published on our website here:

<https://europaschooluk.org/about-us/key-information/autumn-term-2020/>

I also ask for your patience with our safety measures, as they apply to COVID 19 and to the extensive site works, which are interlinked. Please follow the signposting once you arrive at school.

Some final notes regarding the site:

Approaching on foot or by bike - Please use the pedestrian/cycle gate to the far right of the main gate on the A415. This is much safer than navigating Thame Lane. This will be open for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. At the cycle racks, please leave Year 4,5,6 children to make their own way to class. If you have younger children, continue straight ahead across P1 to join the one way system around the back of the sports hall, at the junction with the Hostel Block. For pick up, arrange to meet your year 4,5,6 children at the bike rack. For younger children, as at drop off, please approach the one way system and proceed to the pick up area.



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Collecting children in Year 4,5,6 from the entrance at Thame Lane - At pick up, please wait on the grass area inside and to the right of the Thame Lane gate into the school. The area will be marked. Please keep a physical distance and wear a face covering. Children will be lined up for you to spot and wave. They will come to you. Please leave promptly. This will need some practice. Please bear with us.

Temporary move of 4EE and 4FE - these two classes will start term in classrooms in the Tower Block, whilst work on the Hostel Block is completed.

Indoor shoes - due to the extensive groundworks, the outside spaces are very muddy. We advise all children (unless your class teacher has advised you not too) to bring a pair of indoor shoes to leave at school, whilst the heating engineers complete the pipe laying.

Water bottles - please don't leave home without a water bottle! These will be required in the canteen too, to avoid cross contamination of water glasses.

Bus Bay drop off - If you use this area to drop your older Primary child, it must be after 8.15, as they cannot enter the school site before this. Entry for the child must be via the Thame Lane gate. There is no possibility to collect from the bus bay in the afternoons.

Face coverings - The school has published a face coverings policy, which is available to view on the website, as per the link above. We ask parents to wear a face covering on the school site, since it will not always be possible to be physically distanced when dropping off and collecting children.

A final word - If any part of our planning or communication causes you particular concern, we ask that you take it up with the school in the first instance. We hope to address all your issues in a helpful way. Please contact us at primary@europaschool.uk

We hope that after this first week, the benefits of all this work will start to become obvious.

With kind regards

Sarah kynoch
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