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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Department for Education - School Rebuilding Programme

You will recall that last December the school was informed that it was one of 300 schools that had been *provisionally prioritised* for the School Rebuilding Programme (SRP). This was good news, and followed a successful bid made by our trust for some of our older buildings to be rebuilt.

Over recent months there has been considerable activity on Springfield's site, with a variety of surveys taking place as part of this DfE programme, and you may be aware from your child that we have cordoned off a number of areas around two of our buildings. This is in part to support the ongoing SRP project, but also as a more general protective measure to keep pupils (and others) away from areas where works and surveys might be taking place, or where other risks may exist. (Please note also that DfE commissioned surveys have found no evidence of RAAC on our site - you may be aware from media coverage that RAAC, a particular type of concrete, has caused problems in a number of public buildings.)

Last week we were extremely pleased to be informed by our DfE Project Director that approval has been received to move Springfield from the pre-feasibility to the feasibility stage of the SRP. We are hoping that this will lead in time to confirmation that some or all of our buildings will be rebuilt or refurbished in order to improve the facilities available for our school community - but we are not there yet!

In the meantime, please be assured that Trustees and Governors are working alongside the school's leadership and estates teams to ensure that our campus remains safe and functional. We will keep you informed of updates as we receive them.

Yours sincerely



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