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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Update – November 2016

We have now completed the second week in our brand new building. It is tremendous to finally be into the new school and to begin to enjoy the facilities it offers us. The classrooms offer excellent teaching and learning spaces, the corridors are wide and calm and we no longer have to move staff and students between temporary venues. The building has been well designed to maximise natural light and our central dining area with its wide open space is a pleasurable place to have lunch. Our building contractors are confident that the back section of the building (containing the main hall, student services, achievement and inclusion centres and specialist teaching areas for music, drama, technology, mathematics, science and computing) will be handed to the school before Christmas. Some pictures and initial comments from our students can be found on our website [here](#).

Inevitably there have been a few unforeseen minor problems as we have moved in. One issue has been the loss of our usual phone line over the last few days. We have an emergency backup line in place whilst engineers and contractors work together to find a solution and resolve the problem. Our sincere apologies if the loss of the line has caused you any inconvenience or worry. The school can be contacted via email or on our emergency number 0118 966 4917 (but please be aware this is a single line). We will notify you via the website and text message once the phone lines are working again.

Our new building has also increased our bike shelter capacity and we encourage students to ride their bikes to school. We are aware, however, that bike thieves have been operating in the area and it is vital that if your child brings their bike to school they must have a robust bike lock. We recommend the “D” style locks as these are difficult to remove and their use is an effective deterrent.

Finally, please could I ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child follows the school uniform code. The vast majority of our students look very smart and have great pride in their uniform. As the weather has started to cool we have noticed a small number of students wearing a hoodie either underneath or over the top of their blazers or school jumpers. Anything worn over the blazer should be a suitable outdoor coat or jacket but not a hoodie.

Yours sincerely

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