

## **Dry Rot History**

### **October 2017**

We have an update on building work for you. As you know the office has had to be temporarily closed but is due to reopen this week, with the addition of eight acroprops to support the roof above! It is all safe but it's putting pressure on us for space. The building work is shifting its focus to the roof above our meeting room and my office and they will be closed. This means we are going to be very short of space for any meetings with parents.

On a positive note the kitchen is due to be working again after half term and we will have three of our classrooms back. We are risk assessing one to use for PE on rainy days and two others to use as dining areas.

Even though we keep losing school rooms, there is light at the end of the tunnel!

### **September 2017**

Thank you for bearing with us last term. It was challenging for everyone. We are starting our second term in the 'Village', as we are calling the porta-cabins on the field. We expect to be using them until Easter 2018 when the main KS2 building should be handed back. We have been told that handover should be 23rd March. It is a provisional date but we are looking forward to it!

Over the summer we lost the use of the staff room and it's still out of action. Hopefully we will have it back in the second week and even more usefully we might have the kitchen working again by the end of September, so there is a chance of hot meals again!

The hall will remain out of action until March which means we have no inside space for PE. You will need outdoor PE kit every week as we will be using the playground and nearby sports hall. Assemblies for the whole school will be at Sacred Heart's Church hall on Friday afternoons but we will need to be sensible when we have bad weather. The walk to the church and back will mean children being soaked on wet days so you will have to check our text service to make sure we don't cancel.

The disruption to school will continue but we are very grateful to all those who have helped us, especially Colne Primet Academy who housed us for three weeks, Father Chris at Sacred Heart for the use of the Church Hall for a weekly assembly and Colne Park High for kitchen space to make sandwiches!

### **May 26th 2017**

We are back on the Lord Street site but still have no hall or kitchen. Assemblies for the whole school will be every Friday at 3:00 pm. They will be in the school playground, weather permitting, and parents are welcome.

Have a good holiday.

### **May 15th 2017**

The temporary accommodation will be in use from Wednesday 17th May 2017. Those in year three, four or five will need to enter the new site, which we will call 'Lord Street Village' only by the pedestrian gate on Barrowford Road.

Children should arrive at school at our normal opening time, 8.45 am - 8.55 am, and come into the new playground. They will be picked up in the same place at our normal end of day, 3.30 pm.

There will be some delay for some collections as parents move from one site to the other but this should be minimal. You will be able to cross the main road using the new crossing which is due to be installed on Tuesday.

Parents must not use the car parking area under any circumstances.

There may be some unforeseen issues with these arrangements but we will resolve them as they arise. Please let us know if you have any problems with pick up or drop off.

### **May 12th 2017**

I am writing to thank you for your support over the last few weeks and to let you know the outcome of our site meeting yesterday.

The work to establish the six porta-cabins on the school field has gone well. The team have worked evenings and weekends but the work has taken longer than expected and so has overrun slightly. This means that we will not be able to move back to the Lord Street site with Year three, four or five until Wednesday 17th May.

This is because the authority health and safety team have sensibly said that staff cannot be on site while the field is a construction site. We hope to move desks and chairs in with contractors over the weekend and some staff will be allowed in on Monday and Tuesday to set rooms up fully so that we are ready for Wednesday.

The current arrangements will continue until we are back on the school site on Wednesday. I am sorry for this little 'sting in the tail' but a two day delay is better than we expected!

When you drop off Year three, four and five on Wednesday can you use the new gate we have had installed to give access to the new classrooms.

### **Walking Bus Update: 21st April 2017**

Please click on the link below (blue text) to open the latest letter regarding the walking bus to Primet Academy, Breakfast Club and After School Club, absences and school meals at Primet Academy. If you are unable to open the letter, please call into the school office as we have copies available.

### **Letter re: Walking bus update 21st April 2017**

Dry Rot Update: URGENT INFORMATION -Emergency Closure

Update 2nd May

The first week at Primet has gone well and all the children seem settled. Their highlight has been the hot meals which we have been missing back at Lord Street since October!

The preparation works are underway and the portacabins should be delivered this week. It will take about a week to install them, including a fence for security, and we should be up and running for 15th May. We will keep you updated on progress.

Sadly we will still have no kitchen or hall but we are looking at using the Sports Hall at Pendle Leisure for PE. We are exploring alternative venues for our Leavers Assembly.

We appreciate your support while we manage this difficult situation. In about a year it will all be finished!

### **Update 18th April 2017**

We are in the process of building six more temporary classrooms to be placed on the school field. Unfortunately this will take time and so we will have to relocate some of our children to Colne Primet Academy, the High School.

The school have been very supportive in offering space to us for year three, four and five children for three weeks from Monday 24th April to Friday 12th May. Our year six children will return to school on Monday 24th April to be taught in the current portacabins. This will reduce disruption to them in the run up to SAT's.

Obviously this will present us with some challenges. The first will be for those of you with children in FS/KS1 and KS2. To help with this we have decided to change the start and end times of the school day to allow parents time to drop off and collect at two sites.

- Lord Street: Start 8.40 am, Close 3.30 pm
- Primet: Start 9.10 am, Close 3.00 pm

Parents dropping off or picking up at Primet should use the drop off point at the top of Gill Street. Lord Street Staff will receive children at this drop off point and escort them into school and return children to the same point.

Click on this link for:

Full letter including walking bus and breakfast/after school club

### **Update 10th April 2017**

We have met officers from Lancashire County Council and are forming a sensible plan to minimise disruption to school. We will update you as soon as this is finalised.

### **5th April 2017**

The KS2 building (Y3-6) will be closed for the first week of term (18<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April).

We are taking this step because the contractors on site have found a serious outbreak of dry rot which could affect the structure of the school making KS2 unsafe for our children.

Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will not be able to come to school. The KS1 and FS block will operate as normal and will be open on Tuesday 18th April as planned.

The school and local authority are looking at alternative accommodation for our Y3, 4 and 5 classes. We will let you know where this will be as soon as it is confirmed. We expect to be in new accommodation quickly and to be ready to start operating Monday 24th April. It is likely that initially we will be operating on two sites and this will cause a number of problems for us and you. We are doing our best to identify these problems before they happen so that we can minimise the impact on you and your children.

This should mean that our contractors can work more quickly to resolve the dry rot but, unfortunately, it is more extensive than we first realised. Obviously this is not an ideal situation but we felt that it was important to let you know as soon as possible. We will use the website to keep you up to date with new information and will use our text service to let you know when we update.