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Dear parents and carers,

I am pleased to let you know the Planning Department have approved Lampard Community School's expansion project. This is great news for the school as this will bring refurbishment and development of much needed areas and the construction of a new two-story building which includes a gym and five new classrooms.

In our meeting with DCC and the contractors on Wednesday, the scale of the project is so vast they are going to have to start work on our roofs during this half-term. This means when students return from the half term break, there will be scaffolding up around the entire school buildings. I have attached the visual information shared with students today in preparation for the change.

Students will access their usual classrooms but there will, inevitably, be some additional noise at times. We will support students when this occurs and make good use of our outdoor learning spaces.

As scaffolding will be around all areas of the school, including the hall, our current one-way system for parents dropping off and picking up from the hall, will need to be adapted to become a two-way system (walking in and out the same way). The path alongside the hall will be out of bounds for safety reasons during the initial phase of the planned works. School staff will supervise this, if you want to wear a mask during drop off because it is harder to maintain a 2m distance, we fully understand but this is not compulsory as it is outside.

I will begin to share architectural drawings once they are available to us. The planned building work will take place over the next 18 months.

We are planning a coffee morning on Friday 9th July at 10am, guidance allowing, for you to come along and see the plans. I will talk through the exciting changes this project will bring to the school. We will send invites out nearer the time i.e. when guidance is published which allows us all to meet in the hall.

We have been blown away by the students' motivation this term and wishing you all have the nicest half term break

Yours faithfully

Sam Barham

