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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this half-term. From my point of view it has been a great start to the academic year 2016/17. Despite being a very busy start to the year, I have been immensely impressed with how our students have performed.

Unfortunately I have to write to you with disappointing news. I have received a letter from the EFA (Education Funding Agency) stating that Interserve Construction will not have our new building completed by the deadline and therefore we will not open on Nov 14th as planned. The letter states that *"We are very sorry that Interserve has put you in this difficult situation and for all the difficulties that this will cause you."* Whilst this is extremely disappointing after all the work the staff have done in preparing for the move, we wisely had a back-up plan in place.

The old school can still be used after the half-term break. So I can confirm that students will come back to school on Nov 14th, but will continue as normal in the old building.

At this stage I can only deal with the facts that are presented to me and currently cannot say when/how we will move into the new school. What I can say for definite is that it will not be before 25th November as this is the next possible date for ICT handover.

I am particularly disappointed as I have rearranged the school calendar and holidays to accommodate this move. However, due to some incredible work by my staff we are in a good position for a quick move when we are informed that the building is completed. When it does open it will be amazing.

I would like to apologise on behalf of Interserve and the EFA for this huge inconvenience. Also be assured that the moment I know more detail about the completion date and the move I will inform you.

Best wishes and a happy half-term.

Tim Body
Headteacher