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Dear Parents and Carers

WE HAVE SOME FABULOUS NEWS!

I hope that you are as pleased with the start to the new term as we are. The refurbishments to our temporary building over the summer have helped us create some fantastic learning spaces for all our class groups and we have also been able to open our doors regularly to you too for assemblies and drop-ins. It's lovely to see the children back with us so keen and eager to learn.

At the end of last week we heard some news that we have all been waiting and working very hard towards for years. After an ongoing legal issue regarding our school's permanent site, the EFSA (Education Funding and Skills Agency) informed us that;

'Arrangements for vacant possession of the permanent site (Kingston House) have now been agreed and procurement of a development partner has now commenced.'

In translation this means we can now start planning and building for the future in a brand new, purpose built, modern, exciting and permanent home. We know that the uncertainty regarding Kingstons House over recent months has been a difficult and frustrating time for you. We would like to thank you for your commitment to the school, and we are delighted that now we are able to share our excitement about such a positive step forward.

We are hoping to be able to begin the new academic year in September 2019 in this fabulous new environment. Of course this may change as work progresses and much of this is out of our hands.

Keeping you informed about progress and development is going to be really important to us. Below is a very rough framework of what will happen next;

1. Vacant possession secured by ESFA
2. Procurement of contractor
3. Contractor appointed; design confirmed
4. Build commences (mobilisation of the site can sometimes take a while and it might seem like not much is happening)
5. School transition planning implemented
6. Teaching and learning begins in the new environment



Under way



The first 4 stages of the process are managed entirely by the ESFA, and we don't really have a great deal of input into them, but as soon as we hear anything, we will let you know. In the meantime, however, there is a lot we can do, and some of it we have already made a good start with;

1. The Trust has appointed a project director; Aredi Pitsiaelli is very skilled and experienced in managing projects of this kind and has delivered some amazing refurbishments and new build environments for us. We are in very safe hands! 
2. Establish a group of Local Academy Board members (previously known as school governors) to manage communications to parents and the school community. 
3. Engage with other stakeholders in the local and wider community to begin planning and information management. 

And here's how YOU can help RIGHT NOW!

4. Spread the word. Start telling your friends, family and anyone who might be interested in hearing our fabulous and long awaited news. **Over to you!**
5. Celebrate and get excited..! **TOGETHER**

Although there is still some way to go, this is the news we have all been waiting for, because it means we can look to the future with confidence and certainty. The fabulous learning and ethos already established at Kingston Community School can now be grown to reach all those who want it in the area and an exciting and magical future awaits. We invite you to join us, work with us, get excited with us and TELL EVERYONE what's coming!

Yours sincerely

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