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Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Families,

I hope you have had a lovely half term break and are looking forward to the start of another Castleway half term! Please excuse me writing to you on a Saturday but there are some important updates to share with you. As seems to be the norm for us now, it has been a really busy and incredibly productive half term break with lots for our children to see tomorrow!

As the old saying goes, you can't make an omelette without breaking a few eggs. So, whilst some of my updates detailed below will be a slight inconvenience for a short time, just think of how delicious the omelette will be when we've finished cooking! We are going to have fully refurbished facilities, brand new technology, bright and airy classrooms and an increased sense of pride in our school building. All of which is exactly what our children deserve! This extensive work is ensuring that our whole community knows that Castleway is the place to be. **We are Castleway and we are proud of it.**

### Pedestrian Access

Pedestrian access is open as normal from either Castleway North or via the Baffin Close gate. Until further notice, there is no access across the car park to the KS2 playground. So, if you're coming from Castleway North and need to get to the KS2 yard, please use the new path that runs down the nursery side of school and enter that way. Staff will be outside to direct and point you in the right direction so please don't worry.

### Reception Class – Temporary Move

You'll have noticed that our mobile classroom has had a much-needed facelift making it fit for our children to use more regularly than they were. Whilst the works inside school continue, most classes will spend a short time in the 'CastleCabin' before it becomes our new community space. **For at least the next 2 weeks, our Reception Class children will be based in the mobile classroom.** Mrs. McCarthy spent the whole of yesterday making sure it's full of all the things that are familiar to our children so that their learning continues as normal... just in the 'CastleCabin' for now! **If your child is in Reception Class, drop off and pick up will be from mobile classroom until further notice.**

### Car Park Update

You'll see that our car park improvements have been in full swing with our brand-new school gates taking pride of place. The old substation at the side of the kitchen has been demolished which will give us additional parking capacity. Whilst the team have worked at an amazing pace, the car park will not be completed by Monday.

**If you must park at school, please use the ancillary car park on the field and follow the foot path to either the main entrance or use the path around the nursery side of school to gain access. Please do not cut across the car park or attempt to access school via the side of the hall.** I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of considerate parking, particularly with regards to our neighbours.

### Breakfast Club

**Nursery School Breakfast Club will be operating as normal from 8am on Monday morning.** Please continue to access school in the same way that you have been doing just remember that you can't access the carpark at the front of school at the moment. **Primary School Breakfast Club is also operating as normal from 8am on Monday morning but all children will need to access via the main office until further notice.** Please remember that there is no parking at the front of the school building until further notice.

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### Bike Shed Update

As part of the car park improvements, the old bike shed storage has been removed. Unfortunately, the old bike shed wasn't able to be relocated due to the condition of it. We have plans for bike storage going forward but we will need to utilise the bike storage on the KS1 playground for the time being. We've ordered some additional temporary bike racks so keep an eye out for those.

### Playground Space Reminder

Please remember that the old, rusted fencing around the children's playground areas is being replaced. When our new fencing goes in, it will be situated further back so that we can utilise even more of our school field on a daily basis! Whilst there are some temporary reductions in space, this will be more than made up for in the long term. How exciting!

### Primary School PE Timetable Reminder

Please remember that Years 3 and 4 will be having their swimming lessons each afternoon of the first 2 weeks back so they will only need to wear PE kit on Tuesdays. Details for all other classes are below. Please note that the PE timetable changes (WB: 14<sup>th</sup> November) after Year 3 & 4 have finished their swimming lessons.

#### **WB: 31<sup>st</sup> October & WB: 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2  Year 1 (Just for 31/10/22)	Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Year 1	Reception	Year 5 Year 6

#### **WB: 14<sup>th</sup> November onwards**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Year 1	Reception Year 5 Year 6	Year 3 Year 4

I'm logging off and locking up now. I hope you have a lovely rest of your weekend and I'll see you all on Monday! As always, thank you for your continued help, support and, especially at the moment, your patience!

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher



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