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Dear Parents and Carers,

Erection of new fences, gates and a change of classrooms.

Since I arrived at Bitterley in September, the LAB (Local Academy Board) and I have been looking for ways to improve the school grounds and buildings. One of our concerns has been that children in school could access the area where vehicles are parked. To make the situation safer, we approached the Trust and asked them for additional funding to pay for two small sections of fence to rectify this situation. This was agreed and arranged around the time of the Autumn half term.

As many of you will know, it has been extremely tricky to acquire certain building materials recently. I was told that we might get the project started around the Spring half term. As some of you have noticed, and to my delight, materials have been purchased and the contractors unexpectedly turned up today! By the end of tomorrow, I am hoping you will all be able to see the finished results.

Once they are installed and we have had time to fully review the situation, if there are any substantial changes to the school routines, I will send an additional letter to explain them.

As a result of the new fences, I am also excited to announce that Fantastic Firs and Wondrous Willows will be swapping classrooms. There are a number of reasons for this but the driving factor is that Wondrous Willows will have free flow access to the outdoor classroom where we can provide the most amazing learning area. Their current outdoor learning space cannot be used as the EYFS curriculum intends as the children cannot have free flow access. They need to be accompanied to and from it as there is no clear line of sight for the class teacher.

Fantastic Firs do rather well out of this arrangement too as they gain a new, large classroom with exciting opportunities for new layouts and learning areas.

At the end of the school day, from tomorrow, we will need to slightly alter the arrangements for picking up. Parents and carers of Fantastic Firs class will need to wait in the covered area to the rear of the school and Wondrous Willows parents will need to wait in or around the outdoor classroom.

Once we are all set up running, we will continue to review, monitor and improve the situation so look forward to hearing some of your comments.

Yours sincerely,

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