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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I'm sure you are aware, over the summer holiday there has been significant building work taking place on the school site, with contractors replacing the old Victorian roof in some parts of the building. Prior to the Summer break, Mrs Pemberton had been working with Worcester County Council and Grahams the building contractors to organise this project and it was anticipated that the work would be completed prior to our return. Unfortunately, due to ecology delays, the works are now not due to be completed until approximately 18th September.

Following several meetings with the contractors from Worcestershire County Council and Grahams, I need to make you all aware of the plans that have been put in place to ensure there is limited disruption to the children's return tomorrow. Due to the ongoing works and the positioning of the scaffolding, the width of the main entrance pathway is narrowed and not fully accessible. Therefore this entrance to school will be closed and there will be no access to the school site via the gate on Plymouth Road opposite Southcrest Church. Instead, we have put alternative plans into place for the children arriving and leaving the school site which means our families will be kept away from the scaffold structures and have more space in which to enter:

Pupils in Year 3 (Tigers) and Year 4 (Lions) will enter via the pathway which runs alongside the school playground and is opposite the Park Inn pub. At the end of this pathway there is a gate. Coming through this gate and turning left will take you round to the playground where the children will be able to wait before being greeted by class teachers and entering their classrooms. Parents will then leave the site via the same route. Please note that the pathway is a little narrow in this area and there are one or two low steps.

Children in Reception (Bears), Year 1 (Giraffes) and Year 2 (Elephants) classes will enter school via the pathway which leads from the school car park along the side of Little Oaks Nursery. Bears and Giraffes will be met by their teachers at the doors to the hall. Elephants will be guided around the side of the building to enter into the corridor next to their classroom. Parents and carers will be able to take the children to these doors but will not be able to enter the school site. Again, parents will leave the site via the same route that they came in.

There will be members of staff stationed on the car park and across the school site in order to guide you to the correct drop off and collection areas. As we are aware many families will have more than one child to drop off and collect our gates will stay open for slightly longer than usual in order to accommodate the time it will take to move around the school site.

Please do not drive onto the school car park. There are minimal spaces available for parking because of the roofing works and as children will be crossing the car park, this will be a health and safety hazard. Additional car parking for parents and carers is available at Southcrest Church if needed and if any families are able to walk to and from school this could have a very positive impact on the number of vehicles around the school site at drop off and collection.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support with these measures. I am fully aware it is not the ideal way to start the new academic year but we are all so excited to see the children back in school tomorrow. I am hopeful that we will not have to keep these measures in place for long and will keep you updated of further developments and the completion date for the roofing works.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Sally Baker