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Dear Parent/Carer

Advance notice of building work at Lakeside Primary Academy

Work is scheduled to commence at our school towards the end of February to replace the roof, which we have had problems with now for some time.

As you can imagine, this is a significant project which is too big to confine to school holidays and regrettably, therefore, will mean some disruption, possibly for over six months. We will be working closely with contractors to keep interruptions to a minimum. Some classes will temporarily have to change location and a temporary toilet block will be established.

As the contractors prepare to ensure that the school site is ready to start work on the roof, there will be preliminary work in setting up their site facilities. This is planned to start this coming weekend and will be evident from next Monday. Currently these plans will not impact on how you access school at drop off and pick up. As and when changes are necessary I will update you.

Access to school for construction vehicles and equipment will bring a modest change of route into school for parents and carers and for our school community. It may occasionally affect the smooth flow of traffic along Oakdale Road.

Please bear with us during this time of upheaval. I am aware there is enough disruption already with the pandemic but after years of patching up the roof problems, we have to act quickly to prevent any further remedial work.

On a more positive note, once completed as well as enjoying the luxury of a leak-free building, new pathways will eradicate the regular flooding which currently takes place on the main pathway and a new sensory garden will replace the millennium garden, which is sadly now past its best.

We have much to look forward to, this year of all years, and I will keep you informed when building work may mean changes to the normal running of our school.

We are committed to considerate building practices and have set up this email address, lakesideroof@ebor.academy, should you feel any work is taking place that you believe is not being considerate to the local community. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

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