

Dear Parents,

As many of you are aware we have had issues with a wall in our Reception class for a number of years, meaning that the far end of the classroom behind the carpet and whiteboard area has been closed off to all children.

The school along with all other 87 schools in Stoke-on-Trent are in a Private Finance Contract (PFI) that covers all maintenance of our building. This is a contract between the Stoke-On-Trent local authority and private providers. This means that the school cannot simply call in its own contractors to get the wall repaired but must wait for the PFI contract to approve and begin works.

After an incredibly long and frustrating wait I am delighted to announce that works will be commencing on the wall this afternoon (17/01/2025). This involves the removal of damaged plaster and ceiling boards (which are water damaged) and the re-plastering and decoration of the wall and is likely to last for a full **week from 20/1/2025 -24/1/2025**.

During this time **Reception Class Children will work on the left hand side of the school hall.** All of their equipment and resources have been moved with them so that they can continue to access the full curriculum. During this time we ask that **Reception Class Children Only are dropped off and collected from the main Black Hall Doors.**

It will be necessary for Year 5 and Year 6 Children to eat their lunch in their classrooms next week and this will be served to them.

There may be some disruptions to PE lessons next week if the children are not able to go outside due to bad weather as the hall will not be available.

All other classes and Before and After school clubs will continue to run as normal.

We are sorry for the extremely short notice but these works were only fully confirmed this morning. Thank you for bearing with us as these improvements to our school take place.

We will of course keep in contact with you regarding any further developments.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clowes'.

Mrs Sarah Clowes
Principal