



**Kingsmead
School**

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Dear parents/carers,

We are writing again to provide an update on the current situation regarding damage to parts of our school building. We have now received an update from the council and their contracted surveyors and builders.

Derby City Council have released the following press statement:

“The Council and the school have been working in close partnership to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

“Our engineers have now established the full extent of the necessary repairs and work is already underway to make the school building safe.

“We appreciate the disruption and distress this situation has caused for the affected children and their families and are committed to ensuring the necessary work is completed as swiftly as possible. This will be done by 31 January, meaning that all pupils will resume their normal face-to-face learning on 1 February.

“The safety and wellbeing of children and staff remains our upmost priority. The Council will continue to support the school team as they provide pupils with ongoing education during the temporary closure.”

Senior school colleagues are now updating plans to offer more provision and face to face learning opportunities to pupils in the affected year groups. You will receive more details via key workers in the coming days.



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We are encouraged by the council's timeline and optimistic that the work can be completed within the published schedule. However, we are mindful that we may not have the building handed back over to us until the end of the day on Wednesday the 31st of January 2024. In order to adequately prepare the rooms and restore them as appropriate learning spaces for your children we will likely re-open fully to all year groups on Friday the 2nd February or Monday the 5th February depending on the level of the preparation of soft furnishing and ICT.

Please continue to keep an eye on our website kingsmeadschoolderby.co.uk and for further email and/or text message over the course of the next few weeks where we will aim keep you updated on the progress of works and the current position.

We continue to be extremely proud of our pupils for the resilience they are showing and I would would like to take this opportunity to thank you again, on behalf of the whole staff team, for your patience and support as we work hard to resolve these unprecedented issues.

Yours sincerely,

Emmet Bunting

Executive Headteacher