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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a good half term and managed to find some time to enjoy the break from your usual routines.

I guess we all are ready for a change and hope that the latest Government announcements mean that we are finally about to move in a more positive direction.

With this in mind I'd like to tell you about some changes which will be happening later this year here at Ravenshall School.

Firstly, I am pleased to report that the long awaited building work is due to begin at the start of the summer term. If you remember, we hope to have two more additional classroom spaces alongside a breakout area, an extension to our dining room and an additional room within our inner courtyard area. Our key aim of this extension plan, is to be able to teach the pupils about life skills in purpose built specialist areas, and this exciting development will deliver this opportunity.

As soon as we have the plans I'll share them with you, but we are delighted that we are finally making some progress with this important part of our life skills program.

On another, completely unrelated note, I'd like to inform you of my forthcoming retirement plans. After 11 years at the helm of this incredible school, I have taken the very hard decision to leave Ravenshall at the end of July 2021.

The Governors have already begun the recruitment process to appoint another Headteacher who will lead in the future. They hope that their task will be successfully completed before the Easter holiday, so I will keep you updated with more information as soon as I am able.

Please be reassured that all staff remain committed and dedicated in their roles and will continue to provide an exceptional education for all children and young people in our care.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing Mrs Kidd a fond farewell from Ravenshall. She is leaving us on 5th March to take up a new role working within the Barnsley Authority. We wish her the very best of luck in her new job.

Best Regards

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