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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to update you following the fire at the school over the weekend, which unfortunately caused some damage to the Year 1JJ along with some smoke damage to reception, Year 1RF and Year 2AC. Fortunately, the damage is limited and we are currently arranging for this to be repaired and all areas that were affected by smoke and water to be deep cleaned by specialists.

You will also be pleased to know that we have made arrangements to provide in-school learning for those pupils of critical workers and who were attending school before the weekend to return to site from tomorrow (Tuesday 2 February) as normal. They will be in different classrooms for the time-being.

Year 1 should come to the Key Stage 2 ramp as they will be in the King classroom, Reception will be next door in our music room so should also come to the KS2 ramp and Year 2 will be in the hall so need to come to the office entrance where they will be welcomed in by the class teachers. It is important that you don't arrive before your allocated times for pick up and drop off. By operating this way, we will maintain our pre existing bubbles. The remote learning provision that we are providing for children who are learning from home should be unaffected and continue as normal. If you attend Breakfast Club, please ensure you walk around the back of the school via KS2.

We hope that the damaged areas will be fully restored soon and for pupils to be able to return to their classrooms before too long. I will keep you updated with regards this as ensuring the safety of our children and staff is paramount.

The police and fire services have examined the site of the fire and determined that it was caused by arson. They are continuing their investigation, but have asked me to ask our school community to contact the police if you are aware of any information relating to this incident, by calling 101 and quoting crime number 5221021395.

Obviously, the incident has been upsetting for everyone, but I have been thrilled with the way my staff have responded in making new arrangements to teach those children to need to be in school, as well as by the response of our whole school family in supporting each other. Your messages of support along with your very generous donations have been over-whelming and are an example of the amazing school community we are lucky to be a part of. We will ensure this is put to good use for the benefit of the children's education.

Thank you again for your wonderful support and should you have any queries, do let me know.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Capel'.

Mrs Capel
Headteacher