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To whom it may concern,

In the school newsletter last week, I communicated the following:

WE HAVE THE GREEN LIGHT!

I am pleased and excited to inform you that building work will commence at the end of next week (24th May) at Cheselbourne Village School. We have been waiting a long time for plans to be finalised and this has included the need for some patience to ensure that everything is planned carefully and that timescales do not affect the important education of our pupils. With this in mind, the demolition of the 'Pod' and the conservatory will be taking place during half term. We have already moved lots of things and prepared the space, and the pupils for this important work. Please be reassured that this will hugely impact our whole school provision in a positive way when completed. We will work alongside the Dorset Council staff to ensure this is as smooth and safe a process as possible.

We are excited for this development and I look forward to communicating some finer details including breakfast clubs/after school clubs in a letter early next week.

How exciting!!

This is an exciting time for our school and local community, but I am aware of the complexities around ensuring minimal disruption and the importance of clear communication.

Local Community / Surrounding Neighbours:

The current plans for the demolition of the mobile classroom in the playground and the conservatory will begin on Friday 24th May. They plan to work between approximately 8 am and 5 pm. I have asked to keep disruption as minimal as possible, but due to the nature of the work, there will be times when noise levels could be higher than usual. I have communicated parking arrangements with the contractors and have encouraged them to use the village hall or our site. The contractors have already been in contact with several close neighbours.

Education:

We are still able to teach our effective curriculum without the Pod and conservatory. The children in Butterfly Class have been involved in planning the classroom for after half term. We have mentioned to the children that it is exciting that the playground is likely to be bigger and Butterfly Class will have an improved outside space. The children seem excited about this.

Breakfast Club (From Tuesday 21st May)

Breakfast Club will happen in the village hall. We have all the facilities, services, and equipment for this to happen. It is a decent sized space with a functioning kitchen. Parents, please park sensibly on the usual roads

and walk your child to the front door. Ring the doorbell, and a member of staff will greet you. We will have staff arriving during these times, and they have been told to take extra care when parking in the village hall car park. We will take the children over to the main school at 8:45am, if required.

Afterschool Club: (From Tuesday 21st May)

It is very usual for this to happen in Butterfly Class when numbers are high. This club will happen in this space and will be familiar to these children. Pick-up will still be from the main front door or gazebo.

Wild Art Club will continue in Kingfisher Class. Pick-up from the front playground.

Finally, thank you all for your understanding, patience, and flexibility with this project.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C. Perry (Headteacher)