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FYI all Parents and Carers at Dorothy Barley Infant School & exciting news at Dorothy Barley Junior Academy!!!

Dear Parents & Carers,

DBJA are thrilled to inform you that we have received funding to relocate and extend our Additional Resource Provision at DBJA. This is something we have been hoping to do for a number of years and which will greatly enhance the provision for our Cherry Class children. It is a significant project which is being funded jointly by LBBD and REAch2 Academy Trust. The project includes:

- relocating the ARP from its current location to where our Art room is (the room nearest our carpark door)
- extending the ARP space out onto the pathway which runs around DBJA to the carpark and Infant site to create a play and growing outdoor space for the children
- a complete refurbishment of one set of mainstream boys and the creation of one new set of girls toilets (to replace the one set of girls toilets that we will lose due to the relocation of the ARP)

This work will start from after the May half term (return to school start date 5th June) and will continue throughout the Summer holidays and into the first half of the Autumn term. This will mean that we will need to block off the access route through the school grounds to the Infants from after May half term so that the area can start to be redeveloped and so that the corner area of the carpark access pathway is used for works storage and equipment. **The last day the gate will be able to be used for access between the two school sites is therefore Friday 26th May 2023.**

This will mean that we will need to permanently close the access gates which parents use to go through our site to collect any Infant siblings.

We have liaised with the Infants to ensure that our drop off and collection times are co-ordinated well so that the time taken for parents to get from one site to the other does not impact on punctuality.

In addition, as part of this project, and **to improve DBJA and DBI site security and safeguarding, the Infant field access gate will also be CLOSED** meaning that Infant parents will be expected to drop off and pick up via the Davington Road entrance for Reception and Key Stage One children. The Nursery entrance remains the same via Harrold Road.

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR INFANTS BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

ACCESS VIA THE FIELD GATE AT THESE TIMES ONLY:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club- 7.00am-8.10am• After School Club- 4.00pm-5.45pm

The Davington Road entrance must be used at **all** other times for the clubs.

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUNIOR BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS REMAIN THE SAME

Under **NO** circumstances are parents to use the car park gate for access to either school site.

While we understand that this may cause some initial inconvenience for families who need to access both sites, we hope you will agree that the benefits for DBJA's Cherry class children far outweigh any adjustments parents may need to make to school run procedures.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school offices at DBJA & DBI and we will respond asap.

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