



**Mowbray Primary School**  
**Stakeford Lane**  
**Guide Post**  
**Choppington**  
**Northumberland**  
**NE62 5HQ**

**Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller**

AM/LH

3 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### Demolition of Old Mowbray First School Building

As you know, sections of the old First School Building were seriously damaged during Storm Arwen. As a result, these sections of the building have to be demolished. Northumberland County Council will begin the demolition on Monday 7 February and it is anticipated to last for 2 weeks.

There will be some very limited disruption to school during this time. Firstly, a safety fenceline will be installed. The pedestrian entrance on Stakeford Lane falls within this corden. We will therefore be opening the second pedestrian gate on Stakeford Lane from Monday to account for this. Secondly, the double vehicle gates from Stakeford Lane and the vehicle gates outside the Key Stage 2 door will not be open. This leaves the pedestrian gate by the Key Stage 2 door as the entrance / exit point to the yard from Stakeford Lane. Please exercise caution as parents / carers and children will all be coming and going through the one gate at the start and end of the day. We will monitor the situation and, if necessary, may introduce the staggered drop offs and pick up system. Please do not allow your child to cycle or scoot through the pedestrian channel – please push bikes and scooters.

The company managing the demolition have met with me and they have been made aware of start / finish times as well as playtimes and lunchtimes. No heavy machinery or demolition will be carried out during these times.

As the demolition progresses, the corden will move onto our yard area. This will reduce the playspace for the children but they will still be able to safely access the outdoor area.

It is hoped that the whole project will be completed by when we return after the half term holidays.

If you have any concerns during the demolition or any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### Lost Property

We have an increasing amount of unnamed clothing items that are being held at lost property. Named items are quickly returned to their owners – please ensure jumpers, coats etc are named so we can return them easily if your child misplaces them. If your child has misplaced an item, please contact the school office who will happily arrange for you to check lost property for it.

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## Debt to School

Can I please urge everyone to ensure that any outstanding debts to school are settled. Debts may have been incurred for;

- Dinner money
- Nursery Top Up
- Music Tuition
- Breakfast/After School Provision
- Milk

School must pay for all services received. Any debt to school therefore has to be paid for by school until school is reimbursed. Combined school debt currently stands at £2802. This is money we are unable to direct to classrooms to be spent on the children. It is equivalent as one of the following;

- Approximately 280 hours of support for children with additional needs
- 8 days of specialist support (eg Educational Psychologists or Speech and Language Therapists)
- Approximately 700 books for the Reading Scheme
- 560 new library books
- ½ a year of sports partnership coaching
- 4650 exercise books

If a debt is owed to school and you would like to discuss it or arrange a flexible repayment of it, please contact School Business Manager Sara Atkinson via the school office or on [sara.atkinson@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:sara.atkinson@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk)

If you believe you may be eligible for Free School Meals for your children, please contact the main office or apply directly to the council online at [www.northumberland.gov.uk/education/schools/meals.aspx](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/education/schools/meals.aspx)

Yours sincerely



**Mr A Miller**  
**Headteacher**