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Dear Parent / Carer,

Yesterday we received some disappointing news that our new building will not be handed over on the expected date, which means we will not be in a position to move into in January as planned. We are now looking to move in over the February half term. We had PD days planned on Friday 18th December and Monday 4th January. These had been set aside for staff to pack and unpack. We have therefore cancelled these PD days, and your child should come to school as usual on these days. We are hoping to move these to Friday 12th February and Monday 22nd February. We will confirm this nearer the time, once we know of a definite completion date for the building.

I know that you and your child will be disappointed, but I urge you to look at the positives with your child. We had hoped that staff and students would have been able to visit the new building prior to moving in, but the Covid restrictions prevented these orientation visits. In the new year we should be in a position to take groups of people over to the new building, and staff (most of whom haven't yet been in the building!) should be able to go in and get the environment ready for the young people starting.

I have already written to those parents whose children are no longer eligible for transport when we move to Redcar. This delay will also give those parents more opportunity to practice safe walking routes to the new building prior to the move.

I will write to you again in the new year with an update, including further plans around catering and any changes in procedures, but this will be dependent on the government guidelines around Covid 19 which are likely to be reviewed after the Christmas period.

Please stay positive, we have waited a long time for this building, and we can wait a few more weeks to make sure it is the perfect building our young people deserve!

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Glover
Principal

