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Dear Parent/Carer

### Structural repairs at Mayfield Primary School

The need for repairs at Mayfield and St Luke's Primary Schools was identified last year during a structural inspection. Several reinforced concrete elements in the external frame of the teaching blocks at both Mayfield and St Luke's showed damage due to water ingress.

Both blocks were scaffolded and repairs have been completed to all except the West elevation of Mayfield's teaching block where the vertical elements of the staircase, often described as mullions, were deemed to be beyond repair and need to be replaced. The scaffolding here was reduced to serve only the staircase, and has been enclosed to deter unauthorised access.

We appreciate that this scaffold is unsightly but it provides both access to the worksite and protects children, staff and the public from any masonry which might fall while work is being carried out. It will not be left in place any longer than is necessary.

Having made the area safe, the council's next priority was to carry out permanent repairs. This required us to find a precast concrete supplier, source a suitable crane and find a construction contractor willing and able to undertake this type of construction work. This has inevitably taken us some time to achieve but all three have now been procured and the mullion sections are now cast ready to install.

At the moment, we are working with the contractor and structural engineer to finalise safe methods of installation and securing the mullions permanently in place. This will take about a week. We will then be able to forecast the time needed to do the work and the period or periods in which it will be done.

The crane will be located on the access road in front of the school. As this is part of the school grounds we will not require any formal road closure but we will have to exclude the public by closing both the school gates and the gate giving pedestrian access to the grounds from Stone Place. For this reason, we plan to do the work on a weekend.

As soon as we have a firm timetable for the work, we will let you know the details.

Yours sincerely



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