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Dear Parent / Carer

Update on Maddiston Primary School

I am writing to provide you with an update on the position regarding Maddiston Primary School.

As you know, over recent months extensive technical investigations have been undertaken by external structural engineers, architects, and surveyors to gain a full understanding of the issues affecting the main school building following the damage caused by Storm Eowyn. This work has been both detailed and complex, involving intrusive surveys and specialist testing of materials and structural elements to ensure a thorough assessment of the building's condition.

The findings confirm that, while the building can be retained, significant reconstruction and reinstatement work is required. The total cost of reinstating the school is now estimated at £14 million, which reflects the scale and complexity of the work required to ensure the building is safe, compliant and fit for the future.

This includes replacing external masonry, addressing structural defects within the timber frame, removing and rebuilding the glazed wall to the dining hall, replacing the damaged metal roof, upgrading internal finishes, mechanical and electrical systems and fire safety installations throughout the building.

Following Council approval, we will be able to appoint a Tier 1 contractor through Hub East Central, who will lead the detailed design and delivery of the reinstatement project. This marks an important milestone and will allow work to move from the investigative and planning stage to preparation for full construction activity.

I appreciate that you were previously advised that the school was expected to reopen in August 2026. However, as the technical work has progressed, it has become clear that a longer-term programme is required to complete the reinstatement to the highest possible standard.

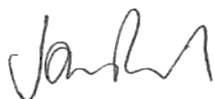
The current projection is for the full reopening of the school in August 2027. I know this will be disappointing and I want to apologise for this further delay. Please be assured that the revised date reflects a carefully considered and realistic programme designed to avoid unnecessary risk or disruption later in the process.

The current arrangements for pupils will remain in place until the works are complete. The construction programme will be planned carefully to ensure that the learning environments for P1-3 pupils continue to operate safely and that all activity on site is fully separated from school use.

A report setting out the full technical, financial and programme details has now been published and will be considered at a special meeting of Falkirk Council on Thursday 6 November. These papers are publicly available on the Falkirk Council website ([COINS](#)) for anyone who would like to read them in full.

We will be in touch with parents and carers again at an early stage to discuss future plans in more detail and to share updates as the project progresses. I know this has been a long and difficult period for the Maddiston community, and I want to thank you again for your patience, understanding and continued support as we take forward the work required to bring your school fully back into use.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jon Reid', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jon Reid
Director of Education Services