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Dear Parent/Carer

**Update on Maddiston Primary School Reinstatement Project**

We are writing to provide an update on the ongoing work to reinstate Maddiston Primary School and to advise you of a delay to the anticipated completion date.

Firstly, we would like to thank pupils, parents, carers and staff for their continued patience, resilience and support throughout what has been a challenging period for the school community. We recognise the disruption that has already been experienced and understand that this update will be disappointing.

Since the school was vacated, a significant programme of investigations, surveys and design work has been undertaken to fully assess the condition of the building and determine the works required to safely reinstate it. Once contractors were able to gain access to the structure and undertake intrusive investigations as part of the strip-out process, a number of additional defects and compliance issues were identified that were not visible during earlier assessments.

While these findings are unwelcome, identifying and addressing them now is essential to ensure that the building is fully safe, compliant and fit for purpose for current and future generations of pupils and staff. As a result of these additional issues, the scale of works required to reinstate the building has increased significantly and the project programme and resulting timelines have had to be reviewed.

Following this review the school is now expected to reopen by August 2028. We know many families were looking forward to a return to the school in August 2027 and we are sorry that this is no longer possible. The additional issues uncovered during the detailed investigations mean that it is simply not possible to keep to the original schedule. And these works must be undertaken now as they are essential to ensure that pupils and staff return to a building that is safe, fully compliant and fit for the future.

We fully appreciate that this news will be very disappointing and apologise for the frustration and uncertainty this may cause. We have done our best to let you know this news as soon as possible so that we all have time to plan for alternative arrangements in the 2027/28 school year. We hope the Council's commitment to carrying out all necessary works properly provides reassurance that we will deliver a building that is safe, compliant and of the standard that our children, families and staff deserve.

We will be holding an information meeting on Teams ([Maddiston PS - Parents Information Meeting](#)) **on Monday 24 August at 6.00pm – 7.00pm**. The meeting will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to hear directly from the project team about the findings of the recent surveys and investigations, the additional issues that have been identified within the building, and the implications for the project timeline. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and receive further information about the reinstatement project and the arrangements being developed for the future.

Most importantly, our commitment to your children remains unchanged. Throughout this period, we will continue to work closely with school leaders, staff and partner establishments to ensure continuity of learning and teaching and to maintain the high-quality educational experiences that children are entitled to expect. Every effort will be made to minimise disruption and to ensure that pupils continue to feel supported, included and successful in their learning.

We also recognise the importance of stability for children and families. Planning is already underway to develop arrangements for the 2027/28 school year, and we will engage with families and staff as these plans progress. Our focus will be on providing as much certainty as possible and ensuring that decisions are made in the best interests of children.

We will continue to keep you informed as the project progresses and will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,



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