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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: GROUNDWORKS TO THE ENTRANCE OF SDCC

During the recent heavy rain and following storm Ciaran, there has been subsidence on our site resulting in two drains having collapsed, damaging the structural integrity of the first entrance road to the site. We have had experts on site assessing the damage and work has started immediately to make repairs. However, initial assessment suggests that the work needed to be undertaken is extensive and could take in the region of a number of weeks. A further assessment on the rest of the site is due to take place this weekend.

I wish to assure you that the site is safe and all impacted areas have been cordoned off for everyone's safety. There is little impact on school routines; there will be no need to close buildings or toilets. We do need to make adjustments to dropping off and collection arrangements, as you may have seen this morning. Cars and buses will need to use the roundabout entrance (the car park outside the front of school will not be able to be used to drop students off) and all students, including Sixth Form students, will need to enter via the main entrance. Staff will be on hand to ensure the safety of students as they meet parents / carers in cars in this area and to support everyone in ensuring buses are able to access site via this entrance safely.

Furthermore, if you need to come in to school for anything, you will need to press the 'call' button at the roundabout entrance gate and a member of staff will come and meet you. For safeguarding reasons, we cannot have visitors walk across the site unaccompanied. We realise that this may be inconvenient if parents just wish to drop off lunchboxes or PE kits, however, I hope you will understand that this cannot be avoided in order to keep our children safe.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Veal'.

Mrs J Veal
Executive Head teacher

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