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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to let you know what is happening with the Reception classroom.

The Reception classroom will be closed until I have assurances that it is safe to use. The children will be taught in the hall every morning this week and the Nursery classroom every afternoon this week. It is not ideal but the children's safety has to come above everything else. Please could you drop the children off at the front door each morning and pick them up from the Nursery door at the end of the day.

I am hoping that we will be back in the Reception classroom when we come back after half term.

The roof has leaked since the building was constructed about 10 years ago. About two weeks ago we started to see a regular drip of water near the door. This was different to the leaks we had seen previously. On Thursday the internal ceiling collapsed into the classroom and we had water running through the roof in several places.

This made the building unsafe and so I took the decision to close it. 5 days later the roof is still leaking and more of the ceiling tiles have collapsed.

A roofing team has been out today and have found several splits in the rubber membrane. Water has been getting in through these splits and saturated the insulation layers beneath, which is why it is now pouring in.

The short term fix is to repair the rubber membrane and make the roof water tight again. I have a meeting with an engineer tomorrow to discuss how we dry the insulation layers. I am hoping a week of industrial heaters and dehumidifiers will do the trick. This will allow us to use the building again.

The long term fix is that a scope of works has been produced and a funding bid submitted. I am hoping these are successful, I have shouted at some pretty important people today and my Chair Of Governors has quoted legal responsibilities related to building regulations. If that is the case then the entire roof will be removed and replaced. My hope is that this happens over the summer and will not disrupt the children's safety or learning.

Thankyou for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

P. Scragg



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