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## **Urgent Update Please Read** **Notice of School Re-Opening – Holgate Primary School and Nursery**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Following the notification of our closure this week, we are delighted to be able to finally confirm that we will **definitely be open again for all of our children as from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

Since the school was significantly damaged due to a fire and subsequent extensive water damage we have had a swarm of Nottinghamshire County Council deployed experts and contractors removing damaged fixtures and fittings, drying out floors, cleansing areas once they were dry enough and carpeting and renovating all the damaged spaces.

Work is still continuing currently but the school compared to last week's devastation has been transformed. This is incredibly heartening as this is well ahead of the original 2-3 weeks estimated time that we were told would be needed to carry all the reparation work required.

We can only apologise for the inconvenience that this unforeseen closure may have created for many of you. We would also like to assure you of the fact that this additional closure was not something we wanted either for our pupils with all the activities and arrangements we have planned for this half of the Summer Term. It has been on the advice of a range of professional assessors and experts working on the project, that in order to adhere to all health and safety controls, it has been absolutely necessary to keep school closed while the clean-up and refurbishment operation has been taking place.

It goes without saying that we as a staff were all devastated at the damage to our new school building and have worked hard over the half term and this week to get things sorted out and straight as quickly as possible for your children to come back to.

Finally we would like to reassure you that the fire had nothing to do with the maintenance or construction of the school building. Sadly, investigations carried out by the Fire Service and a forensic expert indicate that the fire was started deliberately and we are currently investigating this further.

Can we take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your support during what is a difficult time for all concerned. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday and hope that you will join us in appreciating the hard work and commitment that all staff and contractors have provided to move us forward so quickly.

Yours sincerely,

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