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Dear parents/guardians and students,

I wish to provide you with the latest details in relation to the move to our new school.

1. Students have visited the new school in their year groups over the last two days. Their reaction to what they saw there has been most positive. I have explained to them how such basic matters as lockers, canteen facilities, swiping in, health and safety will operate in the new school. When we move in, we will continue to provide frequent briefings to students as they settle into their new surroundings.

2. The collapse of the Carillion Company has meant that the Department of Education and Skills and National Development Finance Agency have had to enter into negotiations with regard to the management of the buildings and facilities into the future. These negotiations are progressing well but must be concluded before the green light is given to move into the new building.

3. Subject to being given permission, we hope to make the move around the middle, or towards the end, of next week. Should that not be possible, the move will then take place in the week beginning Monday, 19 February 2018 as we will not move whilst mock examinations are taking place during the period from 29 January to 9 February 2018. The school will be closed for mid-term in the week beginning Monday, 12 February 2018.

4. Once the position has been clarified, I shall contact you again with more detailed arrangements. This contact may take the form of a letter being distributed via students as our IT systems running email and text notifications will have to close down for a couple of days to facilitate the move.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments in relation to these matters.

Yours faithfully,

Billy O' Shea,
Principal.