



# Saxon Hill Academy

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## Welcome back!

It is always fantastic to come back in the Autumn Term with the excitement and anticipation of what great opportunities this year will bring us.

Initially I would like to thank you all for your amazing understanding regarding the issues with the internal building works which should have been completed over the Summer break. We needed an extra day just to make sure that the school was able to receive pupils into rooms that were ready to offer the high standard of education and care that the children need.

The front of school (reception, medical room, head's office and one of the Early Years' classrooms) is, at the moment, inaccessible other than to the builders as they are in a state of demolition. These areas are safely blocked off from pupils by temporary walls. One classroom at the back of school (Jade's classroom) is also inaccessible as the builders need to establish a walkway through this area to the new build.

A temporary reception area and office have been established at the transport doors. The Early Years class will remain in 2 of their rooms but will also use the library as one of their learning spaces. Jade's class has moved temporarily into the Café until their room is complete, and Chestnut class are looking forward to running the 'Chestnut Café.'

The builders and ourselves are working hard to ensure that the internal refurbishments to improve the reception area and provide a more private and safe medical room are completed as soon as possible.

The good news is that the new build is going well and we expect that to be completed by mid-November.

The extension of the building work has meant that some parking and dropping off spaces outside of school have been lost, so staff will be in school to receive children from the buses from 8.15am and we are encouraging the buses to leave the site as swiftly as possible. Every parent who transports their child to school has been contacted individually and has a personal plan. I would like to thank all of these parents who have been so supportive and accommodating.

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Even with all of the issues we have experienced over the summer, the first day back has gone brilliantly well. It was incredible to see all of the children's smiling faces as they came into school and everyone settled quickly and well into their classes.

I really must express a massive thank you to all of the staff who have worked unbelievably hard over the past couple of weeks to get the school ready for the children. Given the delays, it is testament to our staff that we are able to get the building to a suitable standard, only losing one pupil day.

I will keep you all updated on building works over the next few weeks and thank you again for your support.

Kindest regards,

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