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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

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8th May 2024

Dear Parents and Careers,

I am writing to share some very exciting news for the future of St John Vianney Catholic Primary School.

As you know, back in June 2023, our main school building was temporarily closed. This was due to RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) being found present in parts of the school building and our building was closed whilst emergency structural works took place.

Since then, we have been working closely with The Department for Education, Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust, Newcastle Local Authority and a number of construction experts to plan a way forward. As a school, we have been added to the national 'Schools Rebuilding Programme' which is an excellent prospect for our school community.

From May 2024, we will be entering into a two-phase building programme. The initial stages of this include a temporary two-storey whole school being built on the school field. This will be a modular building which includes classrooms, a hall, toilets and all the necessary features of a school within one building. This modular building is being delivered by REDS10 who are experienced in delivering temporary school building structures across the country. Further information about the company can be found on their website: <https://www.reds10.com/>

This temporary modular building is due to be completed by the first week of September. Our current school building will not be accessible following this completion. **With this in mind, St John Vianney will reopen to all pupils on Tuesday 10th September 2024.** The reason for this is to ensure that staff are able to move into the new modular building and create a positive learning environment suitable for the pupils return. Each classroom will house our current furniture and resources and will have all of the expected utilities such as heating, electricity and running water. This will enable us to deliver a full curriculum for all the pupils of St John Vianney Catholic Primary School.

The second phase of the building programme will be the **demolition of the current main school building and the construction of a brand-new St John Vianney school building.** At present, we do not have a definitive timescale for the completion of the new permanent building. However, we will share this with parents as soon as it becomes available; this will be after the completion of phase one.



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We are hopeful that we will still be able to deliver the full schedule of our planned summer activities for the remainder of this academic year in our current school hall, however sports day will not take place as there will be insufficient room on the field, during the building works. We will communicate any other necessary changes with parents as soon as possible.

We understand that you may have many questions in relation to the plans outlined above. Please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org and we will endeavour to answer any questions to the best of our ability.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support, care and commitment to our school. This is an exciting development for the future of St John Vianney and we will continue to work together for the best of our school community, the families that we serve and the children who are at the heart of all that we do.

Best wishes,

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