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Dear parents/carers,

I am writing further to my letter to you of 5th October, to update you on the Burlington Junior School expansion project.

You will remember that Governors had raised understandable concerns about the timescales, funding and scope of the project. Since then, Council officers have worked hard with the architects and other parties to provide further detail of the designs and to assess the estimated costs of turning those designs into a contemporary learning environment for Burlington Junior children and staff.

I am pleased to inform you that, at the Council's Response and Recovery Committee on 26 November, councillors gave unanimous approval for the commitment of up to £13.1m of capital funding for the delivery of the expansion project.

The Committee also granted funding for survey work to understand what further remedial work will be required to assure the safety of the CLASP building during the period up to the anticipated date for occupation of the block which, subject to planning permission, will be built in the coming years. The remedial work on the CLASP building is expected to start in January and last until March. We are also addressing other issues, such as preventing rain ingress into the building.

I will write to you again in January once we have more detail to share with you regarding the results of that survey work, the plan of works to be undertaken and dates of the planning application consultation.

I wish to thank Mrs Utting, her staff and governors, and you, for everything which has been done to ensure that the school continues to provide an excellent education for New Malden children during these difficult times.

Finally, I hope that you and your family have a lovely and restful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Kind Regards,

Cllr Diane White,  
Portfolio Holder for Children's Services including Education

cc Mrs Pip Utting, Headteacher, Burlington Junior School;  
Mr Simon Campbell, Chair of Governors, Burlington Junior School;  
Cllr Caroline Kerr, Leader of Kingston Council;  
Cllrs Mark Durrant, Jaesung Ha and Lesley Heap, members for Beverley ward;  
Cllr Simon Edwards, Chair, Maldens and Coombe Neighbourhood Committee.