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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, last week there was a health and safety concern that came to light at the school which led to us temporarily closing and moving to online teaching and learning. This week we are now in a position to safely re-open to all staff and students. Although today, we have been partially open, tomorrow, Tuesday 3rd October, all of our students will be returning back to school.

I would like to offer my reassurances and share more information in relation to the health and safety issue which resulted in the school closing for three days. As part of the original design of the classrooms and halls in the school, the ceilings have baffle boards that suspend in order to improve the acoustics in the room, thus supporting a comfortable environment conducive to effective teaching and learning.

A concern over the fixings of a baffle board came to light last week. Therefore, as a precautionary measure we made the difficult decision to close the school. This allowed us to bring in professionals from the original contractors who built, designed and installed the boards to undertake health and safety checks across our entire school estate and reinforce appropriate solutions. This now means that all boards in the school building have been further secured and reinforced to ensure health and safety is not a concern going forward.

I want you all to feel comfortable with our building being back open as usual. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back into the school tomorrow.

As always, thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Prebble'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mr Glenn Prebble
Headteacher