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**Subject: Schools for the Future**

Dear Colleague / Governor / Parent,

I am writing to update you regards progress on the new teaching block at Thornhill Primary School. You will be aware that construction has been taking place on an additional building that would allow the school to expand from 210 pupils to 720 pupils from the September, to meet the demand from the housing growth of the nearby Houghton Regis North 1 and 2 (Linmere Development).

Unfortunately, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic there has been a global shortage of materials, we are now working to a revised date of November for when the new teaching block will be ready.

Fortunately, we are able to accommodate the Reception for September in the existing school building. When the new teaching block is ready this will allow us to accommodate the number of new pupils forecast in the nearby housing development, which is due to increase through the academic year, and over the next few years as the new housing is occupied.

Central Bedfordshire Council will continue to monitor this and offer support through their School Improvement team to ensure all the children get the best possible education.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Peak  
School Operations Manager