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Update on works at the site of Pinner Wood School

Dear resident,

We are pleased to say that work to restore the site and make it ready for the return of the school is now complete. Pinner Wood School will reopen at its Latimer Gardens home on Monday 8th January, with all pupils and staff returning to begin their Spring Term.

We are confident that we have discovered all the voids under the site caused by historic chalk mine tunnels and all of those voids have now been filled and made safe. Each void has received a full complement of “bulk infill” and compaction grouting. In total, we have pumped roughly 5,000 tonnes of material into the ground under the site.

Remediation works to the site have been completed. This includes re-turfing and re-surfacing areas outside the school, reinstating fencing and security systems, cleaning and the restoration of play equipment and the decanting of classroom equipment back into their original locations, with the exception of some re-instatement works to the car park and main vehicle entrance noted below.

The council and the school would like to thank you for your patience, co-operation, support and understanding over the past nine months.

There are further works planned for the school, which we believe will deliver long-term benefits for the area. Later in the year, we plan to move forward with the school car park expansion as originally proposed, which should alleviate parking pressure in surrounding roads. Before that, we are taking the opportunity to improve drainage on the site, as part of a plan to reduce local flood risk. This includes repairing a broken surface water drain under the car park. Until all car park works are complete, we will be retaining the use of the tarmac area currently used as a coach park on the Montesole Playing Fields. Staff will be asked to park there, if the school car park is unavailable.

Lastly, we wanted to let you know that Pinner Wood will be hosting a Reopening ceremony between 8am and 9am on Monday to mark its return, and a celebration for the school community from 6pm on Friday as well.

Thank you again for your co-operation and support.