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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to returning to school. We have been busy getting prepared for the new school year and are excited to welcome you back to school. We have lots of lovely things planned for the year ahead.

As you will no doubt be aware in the news, there have been some concerns over the type of concrete that has been used in some school buildings. We were under the impression that this would not affect Fairholme. Unfortunately, today, we have now been advised that Fairholme may be affected and that tomorrow Wednesday 6th September, we have to close whilst the DfE carry out further investigation on site.

As you can imagine this is highly inconvenient for all of us. We are aware that the short notice will not be easy for families and staff to manage but we cannot put our school community at risk; these circumstances put us all in a tricky position.

We really do understand that this is very frustrating and the short notice is most unhelpful for all of us. However, when it comes to the safety of our children and staff we have no choice but to follow the advice we have been given.

To add to the inconvenience, we won't know the outcome of our site inspection until late afternoon tomorrow at the earliest. As soon as we have information to share with you, we will of course do so. **The school will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday 6th September, so please do not come on to the site.**

Thank you for your understanding and patience; this is not the way I wanted to start the term as the new Headteacher at Fairholme and I can only apologise for this situation. I have every confidence that when the children do return to school, they will have a fantastic first day. As you can imagine, this was not the first letter that I was hoping to be sending out to our families!

Kind regards,

Mrs Gemma Harris
Headteacher