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Dear Parents

Many of you will already be aware that this morning we had to call out the fire brigade. As a precaution we kept the children outside on the playground until we had full assurance from them that the children were safe to go back into the building. Children came back in slightly later than usual and were all reassured before starting their day. We are so proud of how sensible and well behaved the children were whilst waiting to go into school and we would also like to thank the parents who stayed behind to support us whilst we managed this situation.

We are really disappointed to inform you that following a thorough investigation by the fire crews we now know this was as a result of a deliberate attempt to set fire to our school last night resulting in burning embers in the roof space which were still smoking this morning. This has caused considerable damage to the roof in our reading garden which will now have to be replaced and we are just grateful that our daily routine checks of the building spotted this first thing and we could react so quickly. This is not the first time in the last few weeks that we have had vandalism to our school and it is devastating when we are working so hard on trying to improve the school environment to ensure your children have a school that looks amazing and they are proud to attend.

The current repairs to the flat roof are just the start of a phase of improvements to the school which Endeavour Learning Trust are funding to improve the building. We are hoping the roof will be completed by the end of October and soon we will be starting a project to replace all of the windows and doors around school as well as considerable improvements inside the school.

As a result of last night's incident we are putting in lots of additional security measures around the school building, outside of school hours, which we hope will help keep our building safer. We would really appreciate it if you can help us in this by reporting anything you see immediately to the police. If you have been aware of any activity over the last few days or weeks that you thought might be suspicious, we would really appreciate you letting us know so that we can pass your contact details on to the police to aid their ongoing investigations.

Please don't be alarmed by this incident, as we are confident all is in hand, particularly with the additional security measures we have put in place. Our priority at Northbrook will continue to be to provide the best possible experience for our children whilst in our care, giving them a school they can be proud to attend and that helps them develop into the best person they can be.

Yours sincerely
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