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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of some sad news with regards Happy Days Pre-School.

You will all be aware of the fire that took place over the Easter holidays in Ivy Hall and I am sure you have been wondering what plans will be put into place to get the building repaired and in operation again. We have been working hard with the insurance company to finalise plans and to ascertain the extent to the damage and subsidiary work that will be required.

As parents, you will understand that we have been providing sandwiches as we have no kitchen facilities and luckily, the good weather has resulted in the children being able to use the field for their sporting activities. We are not expecting Ivy Hall to be ready for use until early 2020. Concurrent with this, we are also expecting the old Pratten classrooms (EYFS/Year 1) to be replaced in the not too distant future. The direct result of both of these issues has meant the insurance company has agreed to place two temporary smaller classrooms, plus toilets and kitchen facilities on the playground with a view to providing hot meals in the Autumn term. This means that when the building work starts for the replacement classrooms, there will also be two further temporary classrooms required for the children and there would be no space on site to accommodate Happy Days Pre-School, despite our best efforts to find a solution. We still need to ensure that there is access to the school for emergency services and site vehicles, as well as providing space on our playground for the children to play.

A meeting took place towards the end of last week, to inform the Happy Days team of this fact. It is a sad day for us all that an act of arson, would have such major consequences for our very valued and respected Pre-School, who we have worked so closely with for the last eleven years. The Happy Days team are understandably shocked as will be the parents and children who attend Happy Days. As a school, we are devastated that this has happened and want to offer any help we can to Happy Days during this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further or know of any suitable premises that they could contact. In the meantime, I am sure, like us you will be offering the Happy Days team all our support over the coming weeks and months. If you are directly affected by this news, I know that the Happy Days team will be offering support and guidance.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs H Lammin
Head of School

