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You may have noticed that the construction of the new school has been paused, quite rightly, during lockdown, so whilst the building is all ready to be craned into place, the developers Portakabin and The Castle Partnership Trust have agreed not to continue with bringing it from York until it can be guaranteed that Portakabin can put it into place and make it secure. As it is a government priority and Portakabin's top priority, it is fully expected that this will be one of the first sites to reopen as soon as lockdown is removed.

However, we are always checking to make sure we have covered every eventuality and so we have a contingency plan in case lockdown is extended and the building is not completed for September. We will not open the building itself unless it is completely safe and fit for our reception class. Therefore, we have provided a mini school within the secure and safe environment of our other primary school, Wellesley Park for the few weeks the new school might not yet be ready.

If this becomes necessary, IKB will open within the Early Years Centre of Wellesley Park but will be in a separate classroom with its own outdoor space and play area. Again, this is a contingency plan and will only happen should the brand-new purpose- built school not open in the first week of September.

Bright Sparks Nursery

Because of the uncertainty about when lockdown will end and our requirement to prioritise the school places, we cannot guarantee that Bright Sparks Nursery will be open in September. Therefore, we are recommending that parents consider alternatives although we will let you know as soon as we have a definite date for the nursery.

Despite these uncertain times you can rest assured that The Castle Partnership Trust are committed to opening IKB in September 2020 and will keep everyone updated as to the progress of the site.

Kindest regards

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