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Dear Woodberry Down Families,

Re: Flooding Update

I am writing to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for your support this week. The flood in the kitchen and canteen has been incredibly disheartening and the fact that the children were unable to attend school for two days was very disappointing for all of us. It was wonderful to have everyone back at school this morning. The children and staff were incredible during the lunch period, showing great flexibility and positivity.

By way of an update, our canteen and kitchen will remain out of use for some time. This weekend contractors will begin removing the lino and panelling from the canteen before moving into the kitchen area. We expect that both spaces will need to be fully refitted over the coming weeks and months as much of the equipment is no longer usable.

In the meantime we will be providing packed lunches next week with plans to resume hot food service after the halfterm break. Next week, all food will be prepared at Grazebrook Primary School kitchen and transported to Woodberry Down each day. We are currently working closely with Hackney Council to arrange a temporary kitchen to support this. We will also set up the lower hall as a canteen as soon as we have the resources to do this.

We are also pleased to confirm that our breakfast and after-school provision will reopen from Monday 20th October. However, please note that we will be unable to provide hot food at either of these sessions until further notice.

Thank you once again for your patience, understanding and ongoing support during this challenging time.

Warm regards,

Derek Hewie
Headteacher