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Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Building Works in St Kentigern's Academy

I hope this Building Insights letter finds you well. We plan to update you each fortnight on matters relating to the ongoing works to upgrade our school.

- **Learning Areas** - we have several new learning areas in school including our state-of-the-art Learning Village, new Pupil Support Space and new reception and offices. Throughout the building works our priority is that the school continues to be a safe place that supports the learning of all pupils.
- **Social Spaces** - work to upgrade the central courtyard is being carried out over the February holidays. This will be opened to provide additional social space for pupils.
- **Building Programme** - we are working closely with all contractors to ensure that there is minimum disruption to learning throughout the ongoing works.
- **New Main Entrance:** the new main entrance is moving to the bottom of the main car park. All visitors to the school should use this main entrance.
- **Parking** - parking is restricted at present so please ensure you park safely and legally and, to ensure pupil safety, we ask that you do not park in the bus bays/minibus drop off area when visiting the school.
- **SQA Exams** - preparations are underway for the May 2024 SQA Exams, which we plan to hold between the school and the Blackburn Partnership Centre.
- **PE and Active Schools** - pupils are being bussed to a number of local indoor sports venues to ensure they are experiencing a full PE curriculum. Our extra-curricular programme is in full swing and there are a range of activities to engage all of our young people such as such as table tennis, football, gymnastics and dance. We also continue to participate fully in the full programme of West Lothian Secondary Schools sports events.
- **Opportunities for learning** - we are working with our partners in other schools and with contractors to create opportunities for work experience and learning opportunities linked to the ongoing building works

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the building work or its impact on the school, please feel free to email Sally Cameron at sally.cameron@westlothian.org.uk

Yours Sincerely

Sally Cameron

Quality Improvement Officer

