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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to inform you that, as a result of extensive repairs needed to the building, the school is to move temporarily to Dykehead Primary School in Shotts while the work is carried out. The nursery will move to Newmains Nursery class within Newmains Primary School.

We have taken the decision to move pupils to Dykehead Primary School on a temporary basis because a technical inspection has identified that repairs are necessary to areas of the external school walls and some of the internal supporting timber frame.

The repairs need to be carried out as soon as possible and we can only do the work while the school building is empty. Much of the play area will be sealed off as a precautionary measure and access to the school building and grounds will be extremely limited. In addition, the work is noisy and dusty and would have a considerable negative impact on teaching and learning.

The decision to move the school temporarily while the work is carried out is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff, which is our number one priority.

I appreciate this will cause parents and pupils significant inconvenience but the safety of our pupils and staff must be our priority. We are doing everything we can to minimise the disruption to the children’s daily teaching and learning.

We plan to take all pupils by bus to Calderhead High School in Shotts on Monday 18th October and they will have a day of activities including literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. Transport arrangements are being finalised and we will be back in touch with these arrangements.

This will allow staff to set up our classrooms at Dykehead Primary School before we move there from Tuesday 19 October.

Transport arrangements for this will be confirmed and communicated to parents and carers as soon as they have been finalised.

Pupils will be taken to and from Dykehead and Newmains by bus each day. Can I ask that parents or carers continue to wear face coverings and follow social distancing measures when dropping off and collecting pupils.

At this stage, I cannot say how long the repairs will take but we will keep you updated as the timescales and situation become clearer.

A web page has been set up at [www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/allantonprimary](http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/allantonprimary) where all information will be posted.

Yours sincerely

Anne Munro

**Head of Education (South)**