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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide an important update regarding the essential maintenance works taking place on the steel and wooden bridge providing access to our main reception.

Following a further assessment from the structural design team, we have been informed that the repairs are more extensive than initially anticipated. Consequently, the bridge will now remain out of service until **Monday 11th May 2026**.

As the safety of our students, staff, and visitors remains our absolute priority, we must continue with our modified site access protocols. Please find a reminder of the measures currently in place:

Continued Changes to Site Access & Reception

- **Limited Visitor Access:** During the school day, access to the academy remains strictly limited to those attending pre-arranged meetings or those with urgent invitations requested by the academy.
- **Relocated Reception:** Our reception staff continue to be based in the **Gym**. If you have a pre-arranged or urgent appointment, please proceed to the Gym entrance.
- **Student Exit Changes:** Students who typically use the main reception for entry or exit must continue to use the Gym exit.
- **Communication Delays:** We are working hard to maintain our usual standards, but these temporary arrangements may still cause delays in answering or returning calls via our main telephone line. We appreciate your continued patience.

I recognise that the extension of these works may cause further inconvenience, and I thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in helping us keep our school site safe. We are working closely with Amey and the design team to ensure the bridge is back in service as soon as it is safe to do so.

I will provide further updates should there be any further changes to this timeline.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Paul Taylor