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Please see below for information regarding the construction work happening outside the school in the next few weeks. This has been sent from Highway Services, London Borough of Bexley

### **CONSTRUCTION WORK OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL**

About two months ago I came into the school as we were anticipating a start on construction work on Gravel Hill on 15 May. This did not happen for technical reasons. However, I am expecting to get consent to begin work today/tomorrow in which case we will begin work towards the end of this week.

Initially this will consist of getting the existing traffic lights into blocks so that they can be moved around to suit construction activities, using temporary traffic lights mimicking the existing sets until it is all re-connected. At the Watling Street junction this is expected to take about 3 weeks. This work will take place largely outside of peak times as the contractor will need to maintain all traffic lanes at peak times. This will be daytime works. During this period the Contractor may begin working to remove the existing traffic islands – if this is possible whilst the lights are being re-configured. We are also going to review the construction programme in an endeavour to recover some of the lost time.

**I would repeat my previous request that pupils are advised that construction sites are dangerous places.** There will be defined pedestrian routes through the works and pedestrians should follow these, please. The temporary traffic signals will have pedestrian phases to enable roads to be crossed safely.

During this 3 week period, when I have a clearer picture, I will arrange to come in to talk with you again about construction of the permanent works. Meanwhile if you have any queries please do contact me. By the time we start the works proper we should be into the school holidays so we will need to catch up again before the autumn term starts.

Regards

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