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Dear Andrea,

Further to your recent letter and discussions with the Department, we are writing to outline the approach to and timing of the remaining remediation works at Griffeen Valley E.T.N.S.

As you are aware, during the summer holidays in 2019 the initial fire remediation works and the temporary precautionary structural measures were carried out which allowed the school to safely reopen for use from the end of August. We are now pleased to inform you that the approach to completing the remediation at Griffeen Valley E.T.N.S. is to consolidate all remaining remediation works (i.e. fire and structure) into a single phase starting in June 2020 and completing in August 2021. This approach avoids the alternative which would require three separate phased possessions over each of three years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

The remaining remediation works to be carried out include complete and final remediation of the:

- External Walls
- External Windows
- Building Frame
- Fire Safety Systems
- Fire Resisting Walls, Doors and Barriers

which when complete will allow the complete and final removal of all external and internal temporary precautionary measures (props, exclusion zones and protective decks).

As discussed and agreed, for the school year 2020-2021, temporary accommodation will be provided adjacent to the school. Permission for this accommodation is limited to 12 months, and it will be removed as soon as the School has relocated back into the existing remediated building. We will also agree and put in place in advance the necessary requirements for car and bus drop off and collection, and other practical requirements that you have raised.

As requested, we will provide you with an update on the progress of the works each month from now until completion.

We appreciate the very significant impact that the remediation works has had and will continue to have on the students, staff and parents of Griffeen Valley E.T.N.S. and assure you that the approach and timeline above has been developed with your best interests.

Finally, I wish to thank you and your entire school community for the continued cooperation shown to the Department as we work our way through this complex issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any specific queries at this time.

Yours Sincerely,

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