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TO:

Parent community of Island School / Glenealy School /

Peak School / Bradbury School

Dear Parents

Island School Update

It has been another incredible year at Island School and I am sure you are looking forward to a break from the hectic pace of life during school term time.

It was good to meet so many of you, along with staff, past and present, and alumni at the 50th Gala Dinner. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Chris Binge for his service to ESF, and leadership to Island School over the last 8 years.

In early May 2017, we welcomed our new Principal, Stephen Loggie to the ESF family for a period of orientation and handover with the senior leadership team at Island School. The opportunity for the handover sets up a successful transition and start to the new academic year.

Throughout the year, the team at ESF Centre and colleagues from Island School have been heavily engaged in finalising the decanting arrangements, allowing the redevelopment works to proceed.

A critical element of the project, is the renovation and move to two local government schools located in Tai Wai/Shatin Wai. The timing of the decant has been delayed due to issues with the vacant site allocation process within HK Government departments. We are continuing to work closely with the Education Bureau to secure allocation of the earmarked sites, and have already started the tendering for the renovation works. Early tendering will allow the renovations to start as soon as the sites are released, enabling us to relocate the school over the Christmas break 2017.

A main concern for some parents is transportation to and from the temporary school sites in Shatin. We are working closely with the bus service provider, to refine and finalise the transport plans. The detail of the plans will be ready to share with parents early in the new academic year at a parents' meeting in Island School on the evening of 22 August 2017.

The new academic year at Island School will be an exciting one in many ways, as we adapt to our new temporary home and continue to raise the standard in all aspects of Island School life.

I thank you for your continued support for ESF and Island School and for the trust that you place in us to educate and care for your child.

Wishing you a relaxing summer break and I look forward to meeting you in the new year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Greer

Chief Executive Officer

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