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Dear Parents,

In-situ Redevelopment of Saint Joseph's Primary School

We first informed parents of the launch of a major project to redevelop the current premises of Saint Joseph's Primary School (SJPS) in April 2023 following the green light given by the Government for SJPS to proceed with the project. We have since engaged professional consultants in the detailed design of the new school premises, and significant progress has been made.

According to the timetable submitted to the Government, the next milestone is to seek public funding for the actual demolition and construction works to start in the summer of 2025. However, the Government has recently informed SJPS that following a fiscal review and having regard to other competing priorities, SJPS could not proceed to seek public funding from the Legislative Council in 2025 for the next stage of work. We would have to compete for priority again in 2025 for the allocation of funds in 2026. In the meantime, the Government agrees that detailed design and other pre-construction preparatory work for the new school premises should continue.

This would mean that the planning timeline of the redevelopment project would be delayed by at least one school year. We will therefore continue to stay in our Wood Road campus for the 2025-2026 school year.

As mentioned in our earlier correspondence to parents, the redevelopment project is expected to take years to complete. We will strive to work as hard as we could to take this project forward. As we proceed along the way, we are committed to keeping parents posted on major development. We firmly believe that the redevelopment of SJPS will significantly enhance the learning environment for our students and enable us to continue to deliver a high-quality education. We thank you for your unfailing support and look forward to working with you as we continue this exciting journey.

Yours faithfully,

Cecilia Ho

Principal

Saint Joseph's Primary School