

School Building Works Update

When will the work begin?

- Sewells, our site and construction managers, will be setting up their work spaces during May half term. **From May 27th**, school will look a little different, with hoarding (large boards) being placed next to Fulford Library, at the Key Stage 2 end of school and next to the tennis courts.
- When we come back to school after half term, work will have started.

What will the work involve?

- Two new classrooms, a nurture room and small office will be built at the end of the Key Stage 2 corridor. This part of the build will start first.
- Our reading garden will change shape and our old PE store will be taken down to make space for the pathway.
- In the summer holidays, a second entrance will be made off School Lane, with a path that leads into the playground. Pre-school families will be able to collect their children via this closer entrance. There will be two secure gates leading from the path. One into school and the other into pre-school.
- Fulford Pre-school will be self-contained with new fencing around their outdoor space.
- Our reception children will have access to a larger and leafier secure outdoor area on the School Lane side of school.
- New cycle storage will be provided for families using the second entrance.
- We will have a new all-weather track laid around one of our playing fields.
- Our out-of-use outdoor equipment will be repaired.
- When the new classrooms open, we will introduce a music room and art studio off the main corridor, in the two rooms which are currently being used as overflow classroom spaces.

How will we enter/exit school at the start and end of day?

- For family safety, the **usual school side entrance will be closed** for the duration of the building work.
- **All families will enter and exit the playground via the gate to the right of the front office** (previously only used for pre-school families). This gate will be open at the usual time of 8.30am and 3pm. Staff will be on hand to help direct you while things settle in.
- Families can still use the main reception door for drop-off and pick-up outside of normal times.
- Our outer Heslington Lane gate will only be unlocked during the times of 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm on school days, with a walkway to access the school. Our new crossing patrol officer, Hannah Cain, will help families to cross safely at this crossing.
- The School Lane entrance will remain open at all times.

Will we still be able to use the car park and bike racks?

- Bike racks will be available to use near the library entrance and school office.
- The car park will remain open but we **strongly encourage you to walk/wheel to school**.
- There will be much more footfall around the front of school and priority will be given to pedestrians using the car park crossing and leaving the site. Staff will help to manage the crossings at the start and end of each day during the build.

Will we still be able to visit school for summer term events?

- Yes. We are pleased that we will still have most of our outdoor playing space available to use. Families will be welcome to join us as usual for sports days and other outdoor events.

When will the work be finished?

- The work is scheduled to end at October half term.

We feel so privileged that City of York Council has approved this scheme to improve our school site in this way and hope you will agree that the benefit to the children long-term is definitely worth the short-term disruption. Sewells FM are members of the 'considerate contractors' scheme. Through this, we can expect a really positive relationship between them and school during the works. Some of our children will even be given the opportunity to visit the site (with appropriate safety equipment) to see the construction in action and all will be part of the 'signing of the steel' at completion. **Throughout the build Fulford Library will remain open as usual – please do continue to drop-in. You may even get more of a sneak peek at the work taking place from their windows!**

'Let us encourage one another' Hebrews 10:25