

4th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re. New Building

I am writing to update you on progress being made on our new building. As you know, the site on Chapel Road was purchased in December 2016 by the Education Skills Funding Agency with the purpose of providing us with a permanent site. Since then, the New Generation Schools Trust have been working closely with designers, technical advisors and architects to design the building, interiors, furniture and fittings and landscaping for the school.

The planning application for the permanent school was submitted in February 2019, achieving this milestone was very exciting, as it is a key step towards the delivery of our new school. Since then the site contractor and local planners have been working collaboratively through the details of the planning application to get it ready for consideration at Planning Committee. Doing this detailed work greatly increases the likelihood of the permanent school gaining planning consent at the soonest opportunity. We expect construction to commence in early 2020.

Alongside this, work has already started to ensure there is enough space for new pupils at Central Hall until the permanent building is completed, this includes the installation of new classrooms. As you know we have also applied to reduce our Published Admission Number for 2020 which will help with capacity at Central Hall. I will keep you informed as work progresses on this.

I am sure you will understand that building a new school is a complex task, I have been involved in developing the designs for the new school and I know it will provide a wonderful, purpose built learning environment that will be at the heart of our community.

In the meantime, I'd like to thank you for your continued patience and support. Please don't hesitate to talk to me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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