

Abacus Belsize primary school

Monthly Site updates

Update 2

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Permanent site

The ESFA are still going through the procurement process for the new project team and this week, they have appointed a new team lead. He is currently being brought up to speed on the whole project and will be pushing forward with bringing together the new project team ASAP. The central team at the trust have asked for weekly phone conference calls between the ESFA and us to recommence, the first of which will be next week. At this first conference call, I am expecting some firmer timelines to be shared on things like when the new project team will be in place.

Summer works at the current site

Last week the tender process opened for local building firms to bid for the work to be completed over the summer and we hosted 2 open evenings for contractors to have a look at the site. We were pleased to say 9 companies expressed an interest and the deadline for submitting their bid is today. A decision will be made next week as to which company we will move forwards with.

The main outline of the summer works is to create a bigger classroom in the bottom area of the current reception class space. This will happen by taking out the existing tiny kitchen, storage spaces and small reading room. The work will also create new toilets for the Reception children to use exclusively.

The work will also spread to the top current reception classroom where the facilities kitchen and storage cupboards will be stripped away to “grow” the room and make it a square shape rather than the funny L shape it currently is.

There will also be small works in the current Year 3 classroom to strip out a large storage cupboard to open up the room and allow better visual access to the whiteboard (as the next class is a larger cohort than currently).

Over the next week or 2 we are finalising our recruitment and reorganising where classrooms will be allocated for September. I will share this with you in the Friday newsletter as soon as this is set alongside your child’s class teacher and teaching assistant.