

Greenbrae School

Extension and Refurbishment

Important Update



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Latest Update – Extension and Refurbishment Works

Dear Parents and Carers,

This edition of the newsletter provides an important update on the programme for the Greenbrae School Extension and Refurbishment works.

This project involves a complex programme of work with a number of separate stages, which were designed to deliver the project efficiently whilst considering the needs of the school. Until recently the project had been running to a two to three week delay, and the contractor has been working hard to ensure that this could be absorbed within the programme to ensure that the extension to the school would be completed on time for the start of the new school session in August.

The contractor has now advised us that due to further delays, resulting from unexpected poor weather conditions as well as some difficulties with materials, it is now no longer possible to complete the extension in time for August. We are now expecting the extension to be completed in mid-September.

In light of this development, Council officers have been working with school senior

managers and the contractor to develop a contingency plan, to account for the delayed completion of the extension and to ensure that all Primary 1 to 7 children can remain on site at Greenbrae School from August.

The planned refurbishment work to the existing building, in the areas currently used as teaching space, will now not begin over the school summer holidays as previously planned. This will allow most of the classes to remain in their current classroom areas from August, until the new classrooms in the extension are ready.

The Primary 6 and Primary 7 classes will be moved to a new General Purpose space within the existing building at Greenbrae, which is to be refurbished over the summer holidays and which will be configured for use as classroom space for these classes from August, until the new classrooms in the extension are ready.

The Nursery will be moved temporarily to Glashieburn School from August, as previously planned and discussed with Nursery parents. Due to the changes in the programme for the summer as described above, the new Nursery classroom at Greenbrae will now not be



completed by the October school holidays, which we had originally anticipated.

This will mean that the Nursery will continue to run at Glashieburn School after the October school holidays. We are awaiting further information from the Contractor on the new expected completion date for the Nursery classroom at Greenbrae, and we will advise parents of children attending the Nursery as soon as we have more information on this. A meeting with Nursery parents will also be arranged at the start of next term so that further information can be provided.

Revised Programme

The programme stages will therefore now be reprogrammed as follows:

- **Stage 1** – Extension works (2 storey extension forming new classrooms) – completion date now September 2016;
- **Stage 2** – Extension works (new games hall) – completion date now September 2016;
- **Stage 3** – Refurbishment works (this stage includes the formation of the new Nursery and classrooms within the existing building). This work area has been changed and will not start until September 2016. This is where the pupils will remain until ready to move into the extension.
- **Stage 4** – Summer holiday works (refurbishment works to the existing building). This section has increased in size and now includes a new General Purpose space. This will be completed for the start of term August 2016. The P6 and P7 classes will be located in this area from August until ready to move into the extension.
- **Stage 5** – This section now covers where the nursery, P6 & P7 class are situated currently and will start as planned in the school summer holidays, with an anticipated completion date of October 2016.

Summary

To summarise, due to the further unexpected delays to the programme, the following key changes have been agreed:

- All Primary 1 to 7 pupils will remain on site from August
- Primary 1 to 5 classes will remain in the existing classroom areas from August, until the new extension is ready to move into (anticipated to be in September)
- Primary 6 and 7 classes will move to a newly refurbished space in the existing building, until the new extension is ready to move into (anticipated to be in September)
- Nursery children will move to Glashieburn School as previously planned, but will likely remain at Glashieburn for a longer period than previously anticipated. Further information on this will be provided to parents as soon as it is available.

We appreciate that these unavoidable changes to the programme will be disappointing for parents and pupils. Officers will continue to work closely with the head teacher and school staff throughout the process to help reduce the impact of the delays to the programme.

Thank you for your support and patience whilst work to design your new school is carried out

If you have any questions or concerns, please email clcowan@aberdeencity.gov.uk

