

# Greenbrae School

## Extension and Refurbishment

### Newsletter



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#### Update – Nursery Proposals

Welcome to Issue 6 of the Greenbrae School Extension and Refurbishment newsletter. Work to build the extension is now underway and we are starting to look at the works in a little more detail.

As you may be aware, the extension and refurbishment works are following a staged programme. The programme is split into different stages as follows:

- **Stage 1** – Extension works (2 storey extension forming classrooms);
- **Stage 2** – Extension works (new games hall);
- **Stage 3** – Refurbishment works (this stage includes the relocation of the nursery and formation of classrooms within the existing building);
- **Stage 4** – Summer holiday works (refurbishment works to the existing building);

- **Stage 5** – Final refurbishment of existing staff areas and the existing games hall.

**Stage 3 is a key area** which requires a significant amount of reconfiguration and refurbishment. It includes works to the nursery, which will ultimately be relocating to the opposite side of the existing school.

It is anticipated that the nursery works will start from the first day of the summer holidays and continue through to the October holidays.

To allow these crucial works sufficient time to be completed, we have been in discussions with Miss Royle and the staff to come up with a plan on how to operate the nursery during the first academic session 2016-2017.

Several options have been looked at and considered.

#### The Proposal

The proposal is to operate Greenbrae School nursery (40 places – 20 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon) from Glashieburn School nursery, from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. This



would allow the contractor sufficient time to progress with the works required to reform the nursery area during stage 4 of the programme at Greenbrae School.

Glashieburn nursery currently has 60 places (40 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon) and operates within a large area at the rear of Glashieburn School.

The intention would be for Greenbrae nursery pupils and staff to utilise an area within the existing nursery at Glashieburn School. Several discussions have taken place between staff and the Care Inspectorate on how this would operate. The following proposals have been suggested to take this solution forward:

#### Morning Nursery

- Extend the drop off and pick-up times for nursery pupils of both schools to 08:30–09:00 for drop-off and 11:10–11:40 for pick-up.

#### Afternoon Nursery

- Extend the drop off and pick-up times for nursery pupils of both schools to 12:20–12:50 for drop-off and 15:00–15:30 for pick-up.

By increasing the drop off and pick-up periods, this should allow parents from Greenbrae extra time and reduce congestion at the nursery entrance door within Glashieburn School during drop off and pick-up times.

In addition, improvement works are planned for Glashieburn nursery in order to comply with Care Inspectorate requirements and improve the teaching environment in general. These include:

- Installation of additional pupil toilets to comply with the requirements;
- Creation of nappy change facilities;
- Improvements to the snack preparation areas within Glashieburn School nursery; and
- Alterations externally to increase the size of the existing nursery garden.

Our designers are preparing plans at present showing the alterations proposed which will allow the nursery pupils at Greenbrae to be accommodated at Glashieburn School.

## Next Steps

We would like to invite all parents and carers affected by these changes to attend an information drop-in session to discuss these proposals in more detail:

- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 12:30-14:00 at Greenbrae School**

A representative from Aberdeen City Council will be there to answer any questions regarding the changes proposed. If for any reason you can't attend the information session, please feel free to email any questions to Claire Cowan ([clcowan@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:clcowan@aberdeencity.gov.uk)).



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

We will endeavour to keep any disruption to a minimum and ensure that regular updates are issued to keep you informed of progress. If you have any questions, please email [clcowan@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:clcowan@aberdeencity.gov.uk).

