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BUILD UPDATE DECEMBER 2017

New Building

The Ryde House building is scheduled to start being demolished on 2 January 2018. All the planning conditions are with the Local Authority planning department and Lidl expect these to be signed off before this date. On 12 Dec, a local consultation was run by Lidl, informing local residents of the planned demolition where 30 of the attendees were comfortable with the plans. The demolition is expected to take 12 weeks, with the contractor expected to start building works on site from Monday 9 April.

Keir are the appointed contractor for the build programme and the Trust and ESFA attended the kick-off meeting today, 13 December, where the plans were confirmed and outline timelines were agreed.

Hoardings will go up before Christmas and we are preparing a huge Deer Park banner for the site!

The programme is for a handover to the school at the end of August 2019 and while this remains possible, we are putting plans in place for there being inevitable minor delays that always occur to building programmes.



Temporary Facilities for September 2018

The Trust met with the ESFA and Local Authority recently to continue the discussions for the expansion to the temporary facilities for September 2018.

The ESFA has progressed the expansion into an area of the car park that is not utilised and we have outline plans for this expansion onto land mainly owned by the Local Authority. As previously mentioned, this will have two additional portacabins for September 2018.

There are challenges in the area, mainly with increasing the number of toilets and the lack of play space.

As you may be aware, our published admission number was to increase admissions in reception Sept 18 to 60 pupils. Having reviewed the temporary plans and the very tight handover for the new building, the Trust has decided that we will only take 30 children in September 2018. This will be from the admission point of Ryde House.

The planned capacity number in 2018/19 would be 120 now, which is lower than the previously planned 150 and much lower than the potential of 210 that could be in temporary facilities for a short period of time in September 2019.

This decision has not been taken lightly and was done so in consultation with the Local Authority and ESFA.

We are continuing discussions about how more play space can be added to the plans and the Local Authority have been hugely supportive in considering potential options for this. We would also like to thank the RACC and ESFA for supporting the schools development and expansion.

With the progress made over the past few weeks, we would like to invite parents to a meeting on 8 January 2018 at 3.30pm in school, to give more detail and the planned timeline for the new building.

Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2018!