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BUILD UPDATE APRIL/MAY 2020

Covid-19 Challenges: Overall site progress has been affected by the current Coronavirus situation and the need for social distancing. There has been a reduced number of operatives, and some material suppliers have either closed down or have limited or no stock. These are naturally of concern and we are naturally conscious that this might mean there is a delay and potentially the school's opening slipping beyond September if the crisis continues and lock-down cannot be lifted. The impact of this is not just limited to Kier who are building the school but also to key external enabling agencies such as UK Power Networks whose sign-off on installations is essential and out of the control of the builders.



First floor underfloor heating ready for screed

The Trust is monitoring the situation very closely and liaising with the Education, Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA) on a weekly basis. We are all doing our best to mitigate the impact of this terrible virus and are presently in discussions with the ESFA and our partners in Richmond Business School (RHACC) about the potential of us having to stay put if things do not improve very soon.



Main roof last section in progress

Progress Achieved: Despite the above Kier have impressed us with progress has been achieved: the screed completed to the 2nd floor classroom areas and utility room, plaster-boarding of the school plantroom and 2nd floor classrooms is ongoing. Pleasingly, the main roof has progressed well with the single ply completed to the hall roof and 90% of the main school roof area completed. Finally, some of the mechanical and electrical first-fix activities have been progressing including the school's classroom underfloor heating.



2nd. floor class screed complete and windows in.

Facilities Management and 'soft landings'

We are continuing to work with Engie (who deliver facilities management services at a couple of Trust schools) and Dataspire (who are the Trust's managed ICT delivery partner) so that our transition and all the new school heating, electrical and safety systems and our ICT kit will be ready for us and we will have been trained to use it before we actually move in.

Concluding words:

As at the end of April/ commencement of May the builders continue to report that fabulous new school is still on track for delivery. However given the current challenges presented by this pandemic our always cautious optimism is now tinged with nervous concern which we are doing our best to mitigate by detailed contingency planning, at which candidly the Trust and our amazing school leadership team have regrettably had some practice!.