As we prepare for the start of the new academic year on Tuesday 5 September, below is an update of where we are in the temporary and permanent building programs that have continued to be worked on over the summer holidays.

Temporary Work for September

Work has been carried out on the outside area to enable the space to be better utilised while Braywick School remain in temporary accommodation. These works include removing the raised beds and tarmacking the area and resurfacing of grassed areas. Three new canopies will be arriving before the end of September.

‘The Launch Pad’ hut in the corner of the playground will also soon be available and refurbished for use by the school.

The bus service will also resume on Tuesday 5 September – please refer to the information you were given before the holidays. Early Birds will run from the Children’s Centre from 7.30am and all drop offs to school will be via the Children’s Centre. Reception children will be dropped on to their classroom while they settle in. Parents are able to use the Children’s Centre car park, but are asked to park considerately. Please have children in school by 8.40am.

Temporary Work for January

The plans for the additional classrooms and space to be installed for January 2018 in the extended area for the school remain on course. Leases and plans have progressed over the summer, though there has been an amendment to the plans in consultation with Riverside School.

This change to temporary building configuration and the additional space required by Riverside School has meant that the planning application has had to be withdrawn and re-submitted as soon as possible.

To ensure that the originally announced deadline is not missed, the ESFA have agreed to move ahead with preparing for the installation of the temporaries assuming that planning will be approved. So the units will be ordered and contracts let for the ground work of the mobiles, so that when planning is anticipated to be approved in early November, work can begin straight away. Further details will be provided on 15 September, when planning is expected to have been

Permanent Site Update

The tender for a contractor to carry out the demolition work of the current building on the old Winbury School site has closed and a company are expected to be appointed shortly. As soon as they are appointed, work will begin on site.

The Invitation to tender for construction on the permanent site was expected to be sent out on 4 September and this has now been moved back to 11 September. The reason for the slight delay is that the technical advisers have been thoroughly challenged on the costings for the building, with additional information required before sign-off can be achieved. This is expected a week later.
Despite the slower progress in terms of discussions and approval for the ITT, progress continues to be made and remain on track with the timeline below.