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Parents/carers of children at
Burlington Junior School

11 February 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to update you in regard to the anticipated building work at the school.

As you will remember, in November 2020 the Council's Response and Recovery Committee approved the commitment of up to £13.1m of capital funding for the delivery of the expansion project, including funding for remedial work on the CLASP building. That remedial work was completed last spring, leaving the expansion project still to be completed.

I am pleased to say that on Wednesday 9 February, the Council's Planning Committee approved the planning application for the works required for the expansion project, which includes the essential replacement of the CLASP building. The works will consist of:

- A new three-storey building with enough classrooms and other teaching and learning and administrative spaces to replicate those in the CLASP building plus additional ones to enable the school to provide a fifth form of entry at such time as it is needed.
- A new sports hall.
- Two new Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs), including one for the Infant School.
- Demolition of the CLASP building.
- A new car park.
- Landscaping.

The sports hall and the Junior School's MUGA will be available for community use out of school hours.

The works are expected to start on site in late May this year. The new building will be completed in August 2023, and the demolition of the CLASP building and creation of the new car park will follow, to be completed by December 2023.

The contractor, Morgan Sindall, will produce a Construction Phase Health and Safety Plan and Risk Assessment and Method Statement to ensure that the works are carried out safely and with minimal disruption to the day-to-day operation of the school. Heavy and noisy work will be scheduled to happen outside school hours

wherever possible. As with any school building project, the safety of the children and staff will be of paramount concern. The Council's Capital projects team will provide a monthly newsletter for you, providing updates and addressing any issues which might arise. They and Morgan Sindall will of course work very closely with the school to make the building works happen as smoothly as possible.

The additional space to enable expansion of the school to five forms of entry provides future-proofing to meet forecast demand for places. The likely housing development on Cocks Crescent, and the approved developments of the former Homebase site (the 'Kingston East' development, which is already being occupied), the Cambridge Road Estate regeneration, and the large development on the Tesco car park site on the other side of Shannon Corner will each, and collectively, increase demand for school places and fill and exceed the spare capacity level which currently exists.

As ever, I wish to thank Mrs Utting, her staff and governors, and you, for everything which has been done to ensure that the school has continued to provide an excellent education for New Malden children during the pandemic.

Finally, I very much hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well.

Kind Regards,

Cllr Diane White,
Portfolio Holder for Children's Services including Education

cc Mrs Pip Utting, Headteacher, Burlington Junior School;
Mr Stephen Arbuthnot, Chair of Governors, Burlington Junior School;
Mrs Su Yay-Walker, Headteacher, Burlington Infant School;
Cllr Andreas Kirsch, Leader of Kingston Council;
Cllrs Mark Durrant, Jaesung Ha and Lesley Heap, members for Beverley ward;
Cllr Simon Edwards, Chair, Maldens and Coombe Neighbourhood Committee;
Mr Ian Dodds, Director of Children's Services, Kingston Council.