

Executive Headteacher: Ms Sarah Jane Bellerby

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to update you regarding our move to the new school site at Wood Wharf. As you are aware there have been delays to the project which the Local Authority manage with a contractor, Cosmur. We work closely with the Local Authority and are currently having weekly meetings on progress. The project delivery plan is for partial completion - ready to open for children in Reception and Year 1 for 1st September 2023. Furniture, equipment and IT will be set up and installed during August.

The partial occupation plan is that the school will occupy almost all of the ground floor classroom spaces. This includes classrooms, offices, toilets, medical room, hygiene room, play spaces and break out spaces. The contractor will continue to work on the 2nd and 3rd floor but with complete separation between school and contractor at all times.

The ground floor offers ample space for the three classes we will be welcoming. There are eight classrooms in total which will provide space for two Reception classrooms, one Year 1 classroom, lunch space provision, wraparound care space and an additional play area to compliment the outdoor provision.

The delivery plan is for the whole building to be finished and handed over on 1st January 2024, but this could be earlier as the top floors are further ahead.

From September, we will also have full access to the state-of-the-art sports hall located under the school building. This is for our sole usage during the day and it has its own school changing rooms and entrance next to the school.

Whilst we would love to show families around before the end of term, this will not be possible until all health and safety checks have been carried out.

We will be hosting a meeting on Friday 30th June at 9am at Jack Dash House. I am sure you will have lots of questions. Representatives from Tower Hamlets Council will also attend the meeting to answer specific questions regarding the building.

Despite the delay in moving to the new site, I speak on behalf of the staff at Mulberry Wood Wharf when I say that we have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Tiger Class in the wonderful space offered at Jack Dash House. We are so pleased not to have added disruption mid-year, keeping the routine a smooth one for our pupils. We are really excited about welcoming them back into Year 1 on the new site!

I would like to thank you all for your support, and for your patience.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Jane Bellerby
Executive Headteacher

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