

Parents / Carers
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary School

Children's Directorate Education

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Dear parents/carers,

Delayed opening of the permanent Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary School site

We are sorry to have to write to you to make you aware of a delay to the opening of the permanent Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary school site. You may be aware that my colleagues, Terry Bryan and Tracy Routledge, supported the school in early July with sessions for parents where we shared our intention to move over to the permanent school site in September. In order for this to happen, Tower Hamlets Council had to be assured that the temporary arrangements proposed would be partially handed over in a safe occupiable way to allow for a September occupation.

Unfortunately delays to the construction programme mean that it is not safe or practical to continue with this plan; Tower Hamlets Council has therefore taken the difficult decision to postpone opening at the Wood Wharf site.

The safety and education of your children remains the Council's top priority and to ensure safety and minimal disruption to education, Council officers have been working alongside Mulberry Trust to establish an extended occupation at Jack Dash House.

Mulberry Trust has advised the Council of accommodation requirements that will allow them to receive all incoming Reception and existing pupils moving into Year 1 at the start of the Autumn term. This will involve the occupation of additional areas at Jack Dash House, revised safeguarding measures to the building and additional storage provision to ensure minimal disruption whilst we await confirmation that a permanent move can occur.



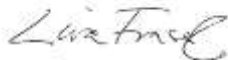
Tower Hamlets Council is extremely grateful to Trust Leaders for taking such a pragmatic approach. We have supported this plan with the resources required and we have no doubt that the Headteacher and her team will continue to offer high-quality learning in a stimulating environment.

We want to assure you that we are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. Moving forward, Tower Hamlets Council will be providing continuous support to the school's management team with further correspondence to parents, addressing any queries you may have and providing updates on the progress of the new building.

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Mulberry Trust and the school for their continued support, collaboration and understanding during this challenging time. We understand that this delay may cause you some inconvenience and we apologise for this, but we are confident that Mulberry Trust will take every measure possible to ensure that this delay does not impact the quality of education and educational experience for all our children.

We appreciate your understanding and patience.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lisa Fraser'.

Lisa Fraser
Director of Education
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