

Executive Headteacher: Ms Sarah Jane Bellerby

25th August 2023

Dear Mulberry Wood Wharf families,

I hope you and your family have enjoyed the summer break. I am writing to you with an update regarding the move to the permanent site. I attach to this letter communication from Tower Hamlets explaining the current situation.

We are very disappointed and frustrated that the new building is not ready for us. The staff at Mulberry Wood Wharf worked incredibly hard to pack up the temporary site at the end of last term and we were all full of excitement about unpacking it in our new school, which should have been now. We have been in regular communications all through the summer with the team delivering the school. It has recently become clear that the building is not ready for 1st September for partial occupation. We have now turned our attention to the temporary site.

We have been working really hard this week to transform Jack Dash House back into an outstanding learning environment for everyone; we have been busy reconfiguring spaces and additional areas we now have and preparing classrooms, the garden and the new dining area for the children. We have also been working closely with Stephen Beadle, Director of Estates for the trust and have reviewed and revised all necessary risk assessments and other relevant documentation. We will continue this work next week and we cannot wait to welcome our new reception children. We will ensure that our outstanding and inclusive curriculum will provide awe and wonder. The success of last year at Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary was testament to the hard work and dedication that the team gave, and this unconditional commitment remains despite not being in our new school building yet.

The Trust, School and Local Authority will be holding a meeting at Jack Dash House on Tuesday 5th September at 9.30 for any parents who would like to ask questions about the new site; if you would like to attend this meeting and are unable to do so please do not hesitate to email any questions you have. Whilst we do not deal directly with the contractors or builders, we can also direct queries to the Local Authority who are leading on the project. Mulberry staff will continue to focus on ensuring that all of our pupils feel happy and are excited to come to school, that they continue to love learning and that we provide an outstanding education that meets the needs of each individual child.

Information about wraparound care and after school clubs will be sent out separately; wraparound care will commence week beginning Monday 11th September as detailed in communications shared with families at the end of last term. Sign up for after school clubs will be shared with families in the second week back and these will start week commencing Monday 18th September.

Thank you for your patience and support. The arrangements for the start of term for new reception children remains the same. Please arrive at the JDH reception at the designated date/time previously agreed. We look forward to seeing you again.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Jane Bellerby
Executive Headteacher