



Leckhampton

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Dear Parents

The final design plans for the expansion of Leckhampton Primary School are now available on the planning portal. The feedback from staff, parents and residents has been incredibly useful and has, where possible, been incorporated into the design which has been submitted for planning.

At the last drop in session, the following points were raised which have been included in the design.

- More toilets! Whilst we know that there were sufficient toilets planned into the scheme, further toilets have been added to ensure that the distribution and numbers are right for us as a school.
- Can the smell in the Key Stage 1 toilets be addressed? We would like this work to be completed as soon as possible – hopefully during the Summer holiday. Thank you to parents who shared ideas from other schools; we are definitely going to incorporate these into the refurbishment of the boys' and girls' toilets. We are also losing the urinals and replacing them with toilets. Staff feel that toilets are more appropriate for some of our younger children.
- The woodland area will remain where it is. We know that this is a very special place for the children and is an established resource.
- The MUGA (multi use games area) has been relocated to further extend the playground. A path has also been added to join this area. We will also be looking as a school to further develop some of our grounds to enhance children's enjoyment of the outside space. Over the Easter break, work is taking place in the garden area which will become an additional place for groups of children to enjoy at break and lunchtimes.
- The size of the early year's classrooms has been increased. Again, the sizes met the recommendations, however we want real flexibility in how we use the classroom spaces.
- Cycle and scooter storage has been added. This is towards the rear of the playground and can be accessed by Church Road. This is much more secure than the front of the building. Unfortunately, we have had a couple of scooters taken from the school out of hours as they are very easily seen from the road.

The Senior Team have already commenced planning for September 2019 and will share the outline of the plan with parents early in the Summer Term. The phasing of the construction works will be incredibly important and whilst we know that there will be some disruption to the use of rooms, we remain committed to ensuring that the quality of our provision is unaffected. As you will appreciate phasing can only be finalised once planning has been obtained and a start date agreed. There are phasing drawings available for the public to view as well as a number of other key documents, including our School Travel Plan.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank residents, parents and staff for their feedback on the designs. The submitted design enables us to have a large space where we can come together as a school family, whilst

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ensuring that the children remain together in the school building. We will also gain more flexible spaces which will enable us to adapt to the changing needs of the children over time.

I do hope that you will actively support the design and comments can be left by accessing the link below. I also hope that we can rely on parents' support and assistance through the next stages of the development. We will of course keep you updated as and when we have further information.

<http://planning.gloucestershire.gov.uk/publicaccess/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=POXAV2HNIE500>

Kind regards

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