

Great Park Academy Permanent Site Newsletter: November 2022

We've been informed that there will be a further delay with the new school build. The DfE have confirmed that their procurement process to appoint a contractor has been unsuccessful and they are now entering into a new procurement process via the DfE Construction Framework 2021.

It goes without saying that we are very disappointed to have to communicate this news to you, we want you to be aware of any updates as soon as they arise and assure you that the care and education of your children remains our absolute priority.

The DfE are working as quickly as possible to complete the new procurement process and aim for construction to start as soon as the main contract is awarded. This is now anticipated to be in Autumn 2023, works to prepare the site will start sooner wherever possible.

The impact of this means we expect the new school building to be ready for the summer term of the 2024/2025 academic year.

We will continue to provide an excellent learning experience. Our students will have access to specialist teaching areas within Gosforth Academy and the other Gosforth Group Schools. The process to secure additional funding to support the increase in pupil capacity and curriculum provision for September 2023 and September 2024 pupil intakes is well underway. This will include resurfacing and upgrading a hard-standing area on the Gosforth Academy site to expand sport and PE facilities in 2023 and provision of a specialist modular unit for the teaching of science and CDT in 2024

We all understand that this is not the news you wanted to hear and appreciate the impact this will have. Both the Gosforth Group and the DfE want to be completely transparent. Therefore, we'd like to invite you to a parents evening in the main hall at Gosforth Academy on Monday the 28th of November at 5pm, where you will have the opportunity to have your concerns addressed and ask us questions.

We will continue to work on plans to ensure we provide the very best teaching and learning for our students at our temporary school and will keep you updated on any further developments.

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