

Wednesday 29 April

Dear Parents,

NEW BUILDING AT REDLANDS SCHOOL

I am delighted to tell you that Redlands is to be provided with a new entrance / reception area, medical room and study space. The new building will fill in the gap between the music room and ICT suite and will form the new entrance to the school when it is completed in September. Governors have saved the £30,000 or so the government has given us for building works each year over the past 6 years so that we can realize this exciting project. It will mean that the school has more space for small group teaching (upstairs, which will be new for us), a small medical room where poorly children can be tended, improved admin facilities and a small waiting area for visitors.

Building work has been set up by Hampshire County Council, who will supervise the project and ensure that all health and safety considerations are in place. The contractors are Jorgensen, who are experienced in working on school sites.

Work will commence on Tuesday 5 May and is expected to be completed in September. Inevitably there will be a degree of disruption and inconvenience for both staff and parents – the children will simply enjoy the excitement of watching a new building take shape!

From next Tuesday, therefore, the following changes to routine will take effect:

1. Mrs. Gregory's office – and Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Wallis – will move to the room next to Class 3 (the Old Library). During the building works this will be the first point of contact for parents coming to the school.
2. The fire doors by the reception classes will become the temporary main entrance / exit.
3. Children and parents should still gather on the top and bottom playgrounds at the beginning and end of the day as usual.
4. Children and parents should not use the main vehicle gates to enter and leave the grounds – you never should have actually, but that has been a rule that has been broken more often than kept.

Clearly we hope the work will go smoothly but, being realistic, will ensure you are kept up to date with any other routines we have to "tweak" over the next four or five months. Thank you for your support as we try to make Redlands an even better place for our children to be.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher