

Y5/6 Parent Information Evening



Introductions

School Governors: Mrs Julia Roberts (Chair)
Mrs Rachel Brailsford
(Vice-Chair)

City Council: Mr Steve Allwood
Mr Gurmail Nizzer

Hackwood Primary: Mrs Stella Binoy (Head of
Academy)



Building works at MPS

Rationale

Two-storey building needed significant maintenance work therefore decision made to replace rather than keep repairing. This initial proposal was only made in mid-January.

6 new classrooms plus BASC facility.



What this means for MPS

- The whole project will take 4-5 months therefore could not be completed in the summer holiday.
- Phase 1 to be completed by end of May half term – BASC room and classroom (this will then temporarily become the Year 1 classrooms)
- Phase 2 is the removal of the 2-storey block and the building of 5 new classrooms in its place. This will not encroach on the playground.



Why do pupils need to move?

- Currently Y1, Y2, Y5 and Y6 pupils in the 2-storey block. We do not have space nor capacity in the remaining buildings to accommodate the 4 Y5/6 classes.
- School made the decision that Y5/6 pupils would be far more able to cope, with moving temporarily to a different site, than the infants.
- School worked closely with the Council to find suitable temporary accommodation



Timings for the day

- Children will be registered in the hall, from 8.45am - 8.55am as usual.
- Supervised bus leaves MPS at 9am.
- Children met by teachers at Hackwood
- Lessons will start at 9.15am
- Playtime will be at 10.45am – supervised by our staff
- Lunchtime will be 12.30-1.15pm – supervised by our midday supervisors (NB shorter lunchtime to ensure same amount of learning time)
- 3.20pm School finishes
- Teachers escort children onto supervised bus
- 3.30pm Bus leaves Hackwood Primary



End of year activities

Currently, the plan is for all of these to go ahead as normal. This includes:

- Y6 transition days to secondary school
- End of year performance
- Leavers' disco

- Sports day – we are hopeful it will be able to go ahead as normal



Questions you asked

Why can't a hot meal be provided?

Currently, Hackwood Primary doesn't have a 'cooking kitchen'. Their meals are brought in from another school in their Trust.

Children in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from our kitchen to take with them on the bus.



Picking up at the end of the day

Unfortunately we can't avoid the additional 10-15 minute wait between picking up younger siblings and the bus arriving back at school.

If it is raining, once all the children have left school, you will be able to come into school, via the main entrance, and use Ladybirds' classroom to wait in until the bus arrives.



Children walking home from Hackwood Primary

Morning

All children will come to MPS in the morning so that they can be registered before leaving for Hackwood Primary.

Afternoon

A permission slip will be sent out. If you are happy for your child to make their own way home/or be collected from Hackwood Primary every day you will be able to sign and return the slip to school.



Additional closure days

As the building works have now been approved, the additional closure days on Friday 22nd May and Monday 1st June will go ahead.

School will be able to provide some child care between 8am-4pm on these days. Information will be going out to all parents tomorrow.

Planned inset days in June and July are still going ahead as planned.



Safety of the current building

The building is safe.

If it wasn't, the Council would have already moved
the children out.



Temporary classrooms on site

Not feasible due to the foundations that would need to be laid and utility connections. They would also have to have been located on the field.



Why weren't parents consulted?

Building works – this is a strategic decision by Derby City Council

Temporary move to Hackwood Primary – this was a discussion between Derby City Council and school about most appropriate accommodation in the area, taking into account the health and safety of the children.

Hackwood Primary was chosen because:

- a) It's a purpose-built primary environment
- b) They had space to accommodate 4 classes



Music lessons

We have spoken to all the music teachers and the lessons will continue, although they may be on different days to current timetables.

Some music teachers may be contacting you to ask if your child would be able to have their music lesson before / after school if convenient.



Funding for buses

This is being provided by the Council. No money is coming out of the school budget.



Assemblies

There will still be assemblies taking place, but these may not always be in the same format as the children are currently used to due to timetabling constraints on the hall.

The hall will be timetabled for PE and the instrumental music lessons.



Are we becoming an academy /
joining The Harmony Trust?

No!



Processes for emergencies

Staff moving to Hackwood Primary will have induction in procedures such as evacuation.

Fire drills etc will be practised with the children at Hackwood Primary.

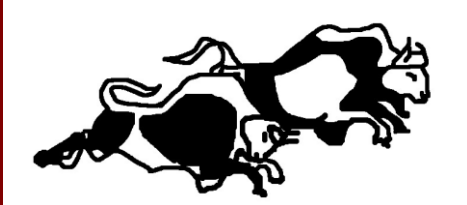
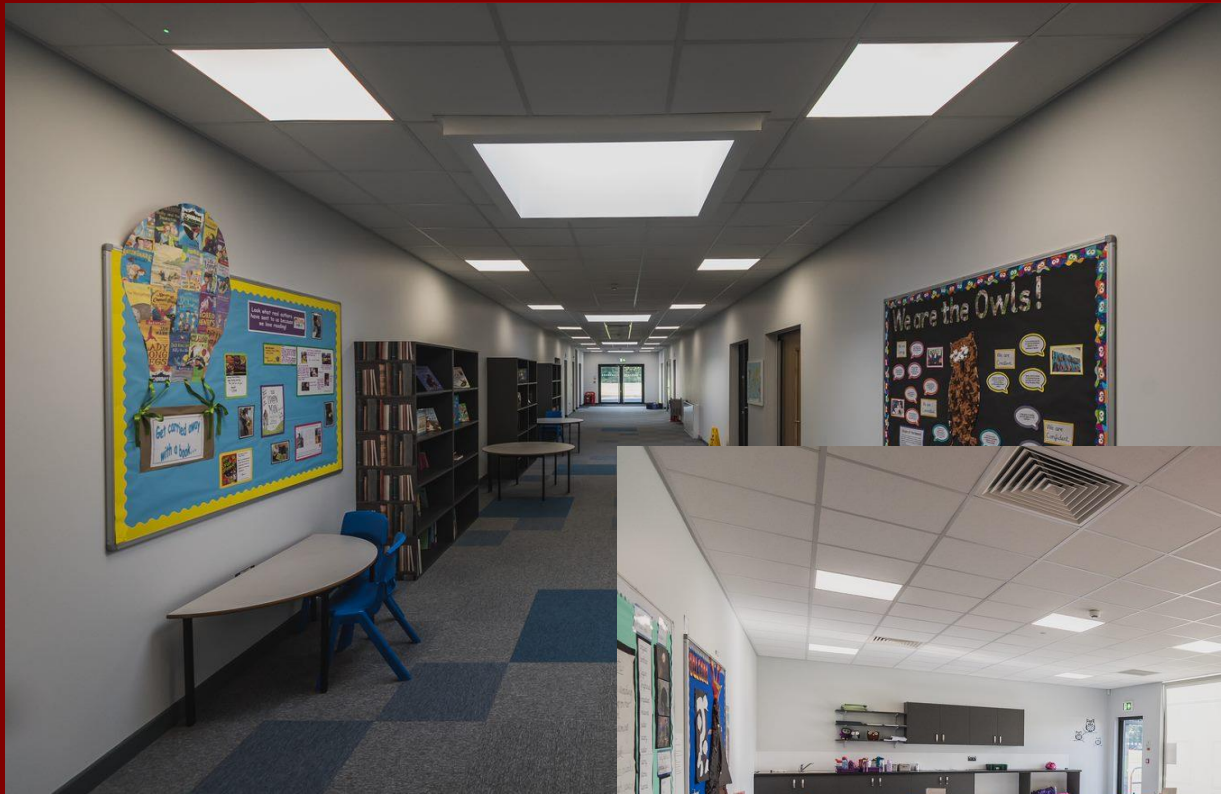
Medical emergency – you will be asked to give permission for Hackwood Primary to have access to our records, such as your child's medical needs and your contact details, so that they can contact you directly in an emergency.



Can parents visit Hackwood Primary to see where their children are going?









A final word from some of the staff
who will be with your children at
Hackwood Primary.

