

Belton C of E Primary School 2016-2017



As you know we are having an extension built at school in Spring 2017. We will be writing to our neighbours to let them know what will be going on and have put together some information regarding the extension and building works. If you have any questions about your child, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance or Mrs de Looze. If you have any questions about the build, please contact one of our governors. Their contact details can be found on our website www.belton.leics.sch.uk or contact them through the school office.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

When will the building start and when is the estimated date of completion?

The work will start on Wednesday 4th January 2017 and is due to be completed by Wednesday 21st April 2017.

What exactly is being built?

The extension is an extra classroom which incorporates a cloakroom and three toilets.

Why is the extension being built? What is the purpose of the build?

The extension is being built as part of the Local Authority's (LA) move to include Y6 as part of our school. As we will have more children in school we need more room and schools changing their age range such as ours and the rest of our trust all need extra accommodation.

Who is funding this project?

The building of the classroom and its internal specifications such as toilets, sinks, tables, chairs, carpets, cloakroom pegs etc. will all be funded by the LA. Any further modifications will be funded by the school budget as is the case for all school improvements.

Which class will use the new classroom?

The Meerkats class will use the new classroom and it will be set up for our youngest Early Years pupils. The Year 5 and 6 (Sea Otters class) will be in the classroom where Y5 are currently. This room will have some modifications such as removal of the 'Kiln room' walls and a new cookery area installed in order to accommodate the increased demands of the Y6 curriculum.

How will you ensure safety of the children during the day with all the building in progress?

Everything will be cordoned off safely from the children and housed on the bottom playground. There will be no access for an unauthorised people to the site.

If the bottom playground is out of bounds where will the children play at break time and lunchtime?

This matter is still being decided and will be discussed at the next school council meeting as we are keen to hear the views of our children.

How will my child enter and exit the school during the build if the entry path is blocked off?

There will be 2 entry/exit points to school depending on which class your child is in. If your child is in Year 5 there is no change. If your child is in the Meerkats class entry will be through the Sea Otters door and into the hall that way. If your child is in the Bees or Bears classes they will need to walk across the car park down through the side gate to their classrooms through their usual doors. The car park gates will be closed for added security. Exit will be through the same gates. Meerkats will be picked up from the front grass. Please make sure that gates are not blocked and there is no waiting in congested areas. This is for the convenience and safety of everyone. There will be staff visible at the end of the day as there is now as the safety of all children is paramount to us. **Please see the Arrival and Collection policy for more detail if you unsure and also speak to your child's class teacher.** There are no changes to Breakfast club entry from 7.45am, that is through the front door.

Will parking be affected with increased traffic for the build?

Yes: parking on Sadlers Wells will be affected insofar as more members of staff will need to park on the road as the car park will have fewer parking spaces as the barriers will be put up for children from the Bears and Bees classes to walk through a new pathway to their classrooms. However, there will be no construction traffic using Sadlers Wells as entry for them will be through the gate at the bottom of the field. Please use the 'reccy' for parking if you can and walk through the park to school to ease traffic congestion it would be much appreciated.

Can I tether my dog to the gate(s)?

No: we are sorry that having had conversations with the Health and Safety committee of governors and the Parish Council it is not possible to tether dogs and leave them at the gates. This is for the well-being of the dogs and safety of all those walking by.

Where will children be able to leave their bikes and scooters?

Bikes and scooters will be left at the front of the school from 3rd January at newly sited bike racks. They will be sited near to the path at the front of school.

Who are the construction company being used and are checks necessary as the builders will be working in the vicinity of the children?

As this a local authority project, not one initiated by the school it is their job to appoint the building company. In this case the construction company is Tanwood Construction. I am assured by the company that the builders and workers are all CRB checked and they do much of their work in schools and for constabularies. They will actually have minimal contact with the children during the school day.