

HIGHWOOD SCHOOL REINSTATEMENT PROGRAMME
HCC BRIEFING – UPDATE 5 – July 2017
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Re-instatement Works

The internal areas of the school are almost complete so the removal of equipment and resources back into the school has begun and will continue over the summer break in order to ensure that the school is fully equipped and operational on 11th September 2017 when the children return.

What next?

Drainage

- The next step is to carry out the drainage design solution. Works are due to commence for Phase One on the 24th July 2017. The programme for this is estimated at 14 weeks subject to weather. Completion of the drainage and external works will take place alongside the re-occupation of the school, and HCC are working in partnership with the school to ensure this has as little impact to the school's day to day functioning as possible. HCC are in dialogue with the drainage contractors on the progression of Phase 2 (the field area that is currently occupied by the Mobile Village) to complete as much of the works as possible in the summer break to ensure little impact on the school usage upon return. Both hard and soft external play areas will be available for the children's activities upon their return to school in September.

Health and Safety

- School representatives, HCC Health and Safety Management together with Kier Health and Safety have met on site and are satisfied with actions being put in place to ensure the safety of children, staff, parents and visitors to the site whilst works continue.

Pods and Containers

- The contents of several pods and containers are in the process of being relocated back into the school and this work will be completed Friday 28th July. All the contents in the remaining containers and pods will be relocated back to the school by Monday 31st July. Removal from site of all storage pods and containers will commence Monday 31st July.

Kitchen

- Co-ordination of installation and testing of all kitchen equipment by Hertfordshire Catering Services will take place to ensure that the kitchen is fully operational.

Temporary Accommodation

- The removal of ALL temporary accommodation (Portakabins) will commence in the first week of August. This is estimated to take four weeks. PortaKabin will distribute newsletters to surrounding neighbours and advise of dates that the cranes are required to remove all cabins from the school site prior to the work being carried out.

Programme

- It is anticipated that according to the current schedule the overall works programme will be completed in late 2017.

There will be a review of the reinstatement of the fields and landscaping once all drainage works have been completed. HCC remain committed to ensuring every effort is being made to progress the works as quickly, thoroughly and safely as possible.

If anyone has any further queries, please do make contact at highwoodreinstatement@hertfordshire.gov.uk