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Histon and Impington Infant and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents and Carers

Primary Provision in Histon and Impington

I am writing to provide you with an update on the status of the work to deliver two major capital investment projects which will result in both the existing Infant and Junior schools becoming all-through primary schools serving the 4-11 age range and providing more places to meet the needs of the families living in Histon and Impington.

The Junior School project (extensions and adaptations to provide accommodation to expand the school to have the capacity to become an all through 630 place primary school) was due to go to Planning Committee in November. Unfortunately, a last minute objection from Highways has led to consideration of the application being delayed until the Committee meets December 14th. As a result Kier, the appointed Design and Build company, will start on site slightly later than originally planned. To ensure there will be enough classrooms for the autumn term 2018, there will be a reduced amount of refurbishment over the 2018 summer holiday period. Instead, work will be focused on the new two-storey block which will be handed over in October half term. Refurbishment of the existing school will then follow with work due to be completed by Christmas 2018.

Officers have undertaken detailed conversations with the planning officers to establish the principles for progressing the design of the replacement for the current Infant School on the Buxhall Farm site to have the capacity to provide 420 primary school places. Subject to planning, our plan is for the school to be able to move into its new accommodation in September 2020. The tender to identify the Design and Build contractor for this school was published on 1st November and the contract will be awarded in January 2018. As the design progresses there will be an opportunity to see and comment on the proposals as occurred earlier in 2017 for the Junior School. The timescale for this is uncertain but it is hoped that this will be in Spring 2018.

As you will be aware, in order to be able to offer places to all catchment children seeking a place at the Infant School in the past three years, the school has offered up to 120 places in Reception year. The first of these "bulge" year groups will be transferring to the Junior School in September 2018. In a reciprocal arrangement the Junior School will be offering up to 120 places in year 3 in September 2018. In order to accommodate all catchment children seeking a place at the infant school in September 2018, Histon and Impington Infant School will again be offering up to 120 Reception places. Please ensure that you make your application via the

online, or paper process for a place in Reception, or Year 3, no later than 15th January 2018, the national closing date for on-time applications.

Conversations between the Trust and the Local Authority around future admission arrangements are underway. A number of potential options are being examined currently. Details of these arrangements will be subject to consultation with parents before they are finally adopted.

Yours faithfully

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