

October 2023

Dear Parents,

After many years, many plans and many discussions, we can confirm that the new building works are set to begin next week. We will have a new KS1 classroom block, a new dining hall and play areas on both sides of the school site.

During the half term, project managers from Southwark, builders and fire personnel will be inspecting the sites in order for the building works to begin in earnest after half term.

The first phase will be two simultaneous constructions projects. One on the site of the school 'house' and one on the site of the nursery playground and grass area.

What will this mean?

- The nursery play area will move and join the Reception play area near the garden
- Music will be taught in classrooms
- Place2be will work in the main building and new building
- The playground will be reduced in size

The playground

During construction, the children will have a reduced playground – a third of the main playground as well as the nursery playground will be under construction.

An area in the smaller playground will also be used to house the construction workers offices and work spaces. **This will mean there will be NO scooter/bike parking space once construction is underway.**

The surrounding area (outside school walls)

In order to create construction sites large enough to build the new structures, Southwark will be closing some pavement on Janeway Street. The pathway that currently links Bevington Street to Emba Street will also be closed.

This is a very exciting project and we will be keeping parents up to date as the phases develop.

If there are any questions regarding the new building works, please email headteacher@riverside.southwark.sch.uk and we will do our best to answer them.

Have a good break over half term.

Kind regards,
Sophie and Jill