

# Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust

**Estates & Free Schools**

**Report to the Trust Board**

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**April 2019**

## **Dursley Capital Works**

As previously reported, Sec 106 works are now in progress in staged projects over for the next two years. Works to improve and expand on the current reception area and also create further classrooms has now commenced and are progressing well. The new reception area opened on the 25<sup>th</sup> February and offers a more welcoming entrance to the school as well as a more secure reception area. Phase 2 of the project will continue in line with further funding timetables by the local authority.

As previously reported the identified Asbestos in the Boiler Room has now been removed and a reoccupation certificate has been received by the School. There were several associated electrical works remaining which were completed over the Easter holidays including an upgraded electrical supply to the School which will futureproof electrical demand as the School grows. The project was completed successfully and without unplanned interruption to the School or Nursery.

## **PS Assets Update**

Our new central Management Information System PS Assets has now been fully built and testing occurred over the Easter holidays. The system provided by PS Financials will assist the Schools in the Trust with their organisation of premises compliance and provide the trustees with a live dashboard of compliance levels across the schools. Training will be provided to business managers on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 and will go live with immediate effect. As previously reported Log-ins will be available to Trustees to enable real time access to compliance levels across the Trust Schools.

## **Health and Safety**

*Schools continue to outsource their Health and Safety support to the local authority SHE unit who offer ongoing support as well as three year rolling audit program. There have been not reportable health and safety issue in the last reporting period since the last meeting in December 2018.*

## **Temporary Accommodation**

The program for decanting the portacabins from Hardwicke School is currently being drawn up. A site visit occurred on the 23.04.2019 to plan the logistics of removal of the classrooms and the disconnections of associated utilities. We conducted a reinstatement survey prior to their installation and this will be used as a reference to ensure that the Hardwicke site is returned to preoccupation condition.

The program will align with the completion of the refit at Olympus Park to facilitate a smooth transition from one site to the other. Removals are being managed by the central team and quotes have been obtained pending a confirmed date.

The tender for the refit was delayed by a couple of weeks due to contractor delays however this should not present an overall delay to the project and a revised timeline

The lease for the new temporary site at Olympus Park has now been agreed by the ESFA and signed by all parties. The unit has parking, an external area which can be adapted and secured for an outside play area and sufficient space to create classrooms, a hall, offices, intervention and staff welfare areas.

The project timeline as provided at the last meeting is as follows with **updates:** -

Clearwater Temporary Accommodation Project 2019: 189 days.

Design Period                      97 Days              17.12.18 – 30.04.19

**Completed**

Olympus Park Fit Out              83 Days              01.05.18 – 23.08.19

**Revised with delay of 2 weeks however the 83 days included a 2-week handover period which will not be required.**

ICT Installation                      10 Days              24.07.19 – 06.08.19

**Dates intact**

Clearwater 2018 removal      14 Days              22.08.19 – 05.09.19

**Dates Intact**

**School Condition Allowance. (SCA)**

We have received confirmation of our SCA funding for 2019/20 which is £372,970.

There are 3 components to the calculations:

- Core condition funding based on responsible bodies' pupil numbers;
- High condition need funding, for those with disproportionately high need; and
- Floor protections, to provide some stability in the transition to the current system.

We received no funding for high condition need or floor protection and so our allocation is based on the core funding at £115.15 per pupil for each of the 3240 pupils in the Trust.

The estates portal has now been demonstrated to Head Teachers at the February forum and the feedback has been very positive. Log-ins have now been created so that all Heads and Business Managers have full access and to the trust wide data. This will help provide fair and transparent process for the prioritisation of projects to fund.

A presentation on the Trust Priorities will be given as a separate agenda item at the meeting.

Appointments have been booked with all Head Teachers in the weeks 07<sup>th</sup> May to 07<sup>th</sup> June to review the survey data and go through the Trusts priorities for funding under the School Condition Allocation (SCA) and the works that should be considered for funding locally via the Devolved Formula Capital. (DFC).