

## SANDY HILL ACADEMY SCHOOL EXPANSION UPDATE 1 July 2017

Everyone will have seen the start and continuing work on our school's expansion. I am writing now with our first update to let you know what to expect in the coming month.

### Schedule of Works

Work has been started to provide the school with a new building which will accommodate eight classes. Kier have cleared the space for the new building and have been securing the retaining wall which they will complete over the weekend. They will also be putting up a temporary safety fence between the playground and the classroom of Miss Bussandri and Mrs Bawden/Mrs Evans. You will see this when you come to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Before we break up for the summer holidays, Kier Construction will

- Start the refurbishment of our two new reception classrooms.
- Start developing the ICT suite into our new Kids Club room with a learning kitchen.

Some of you may have met Kier's Site Manager, Carl Clarke, who is on hand each day. He has introduced himself to neighbours of the school and has been able to respond to questions and concerns about the school expansion project. Both Kier and the school welcome any queries. You will find Carl on site most days if you have any particular concerns.

I met with Nick Ratcliffe, the Sustrans Officer who will be working with our school over the next two years to fulfil and develop the Travel Plan. We are aware that there have been concerns about traffic congestion as the school expands. Working with Sustrans will help to address these concerns and should provide a safe and sustainable way for children to come and go from school both during the building work and beyond. This term Nick has asked for pupils' and families' views on ways to improve sustainable travel to school and these will help inform the Travel Plan to secure improvement for our school community.

### Advanced Warning for Kids Club

During the summer holiday there will be no parking in the school car park because of the building work, this also applies to school staff.

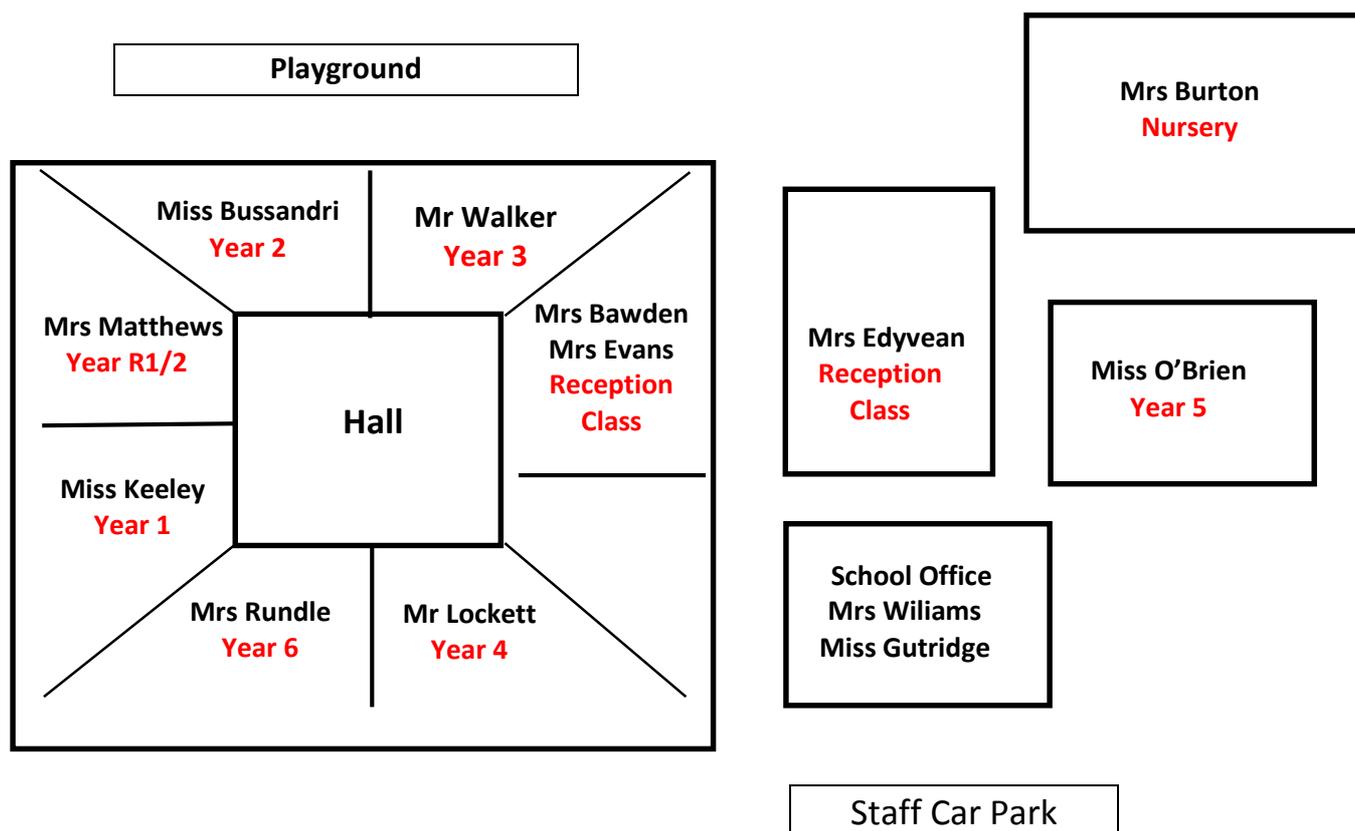
## Welcoming Our New Children

The expansion means we will be able to take 60 children and we already have 50 children registered to start, rather than the usual 36. This week our new pupils have already enjoyed taster 'transition' sessions, getting to know the school, their teachers and each other. They are doing brilliantly and we look forward to welcoming them in September.

From September, the two new reception classrooms will be completed. I have included a plan so you can see where each class will be located for September 2017-2018.

Please refer to the diagram to see where the classes will be located for the academic year 2017-2018.

### School classrooms 2017 - 2018



Best wishes,

Miss H Bingham