

Stepps Primary School – drainage remedial works

Update April 2021

Repurposing works to the library/community space are progressing well in preparation for the nursery children moving to the area in May of this year. The contractor suffered a slight delay in progress during the period however the overall programme of work has been maintained. The contractors have advised that the modular units are scheduled to arrive on site as planned in early May and be available for pupil decant in plenty of time before the start of the new school term in August.

Drainage works which will impact the availability of the main catering kitchen and staff toilets have now commenced. Temporary catering and dining provision have been repurposed within the Community Hall and external portable staff toilet facilities will be sited to the front of the school for staff returning on April 19th. Subject to Scottish Government restrictions, the community hall will be available for Lets when not in use by either the school for dining purposes or the pre and after school clubs. These restrictions will be in place until the end of this school term at which point the community hall will be fully available for community use. Staff from the councils Active & Creative Communities team will contact community user groups at a later date to advise them of the procedures for Lets returning.

Below is an illustration of how access and egress for pupils, staff and visitors will be managed until the start of the new school term.



The yellow shaded area will house a secure contractor work area and school staff temporary toilets. The area will be secured by Heras fencing. There will be **no access** to the main school entrance through this area. As a result, the one-way pedestrian system which has been in operation from the start of the school session can no longer be facilitated.

All pupils, staff and visitors will now need to access and egress the main school building using the path on right hand side of the building as you approach it. To reduce congestion on this path, the school is working with their Education Managers to devise new drop-off and pick-up arrangements for P1-P7 pupils for the new term. The school will provide families with further details of these arrangements as soon as possible.

Please note, the current arrangements for dropping-off and picking-up nursery pupils will remain unchanged for now. The Out of School Hour Lets will continue to access the school via the Community entrance.

The kitchen area works are scheduled to last until the beginning of August therefore the access restrictions will be removed before the school returns after the summer break.

Works aren't anticipated to cause nuisance to any neighboring residential properties. However, if you have any concerns, please contact the number below.

Luddon Construction - Head Office 0141 945 2233

Library and community facilities

Regarding the permanent arrangements for community facilities within the campus once the drainage remedial works are complete, following the Education & Families Committee on 23 February 2021 and the subsequent Council meeting on 1 April 2021 where the minutes of the Education & Families Committee meeting were considered, the following strategy was approved:

- The permanent allocation of all spaces inside the building for sole use by Stepps Primary School and Nursery to facilitate immediate and ongoing education provision requirements, and
- That library facilities will be available, but housed within the new modular units, once the work is complete. Note that this will result in no library provision within the building during these works but also note that the Culture and Leisure service will use a blend of mobile library provision and online provision to mitigate some of the impact during this time – where government restrictions allow.

The full report can be viewed on the councils website

As the drainage works near completion, the council will engage with community groups to consult over the plans for the modular units, we anticipate this being towards the end of this year. We will continue to keep you informed regarding progress.

If you have any questions please email: steppsprimary@northlan.gov.uk