



The New East Worthing Primary School

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We have designed our Newsletter to help keep the community up to date. These will be regular, but also as and when, we have some news about the new Primary School.

Staff

Staff from both schools are very excited about working together. Some of the staff got together last Wednesday for the first time. They are all looking forward to co-working regularly and building on, and extending, the exceptionally good work that already takes place in both schools. Both schools have a strong ethos and we will be collaborating regularly, adapting our provision and practice to reflect the school's Primary phases.

School Name

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a suggestion. There are some very creative name proposals for our new Primary school! The name change has come about because both Chesswood Junior and Lyndhurst Infant as such are closing, and a new combined Primary school is opening. A new name recognises this and gives the community an exciting opportunity to be part of helping to establish an equal coming together of both schools.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our first uniform questionnaire. There will be further consultations about the uniform to follow. The uniform (with the optional new name and logo) will be chosen so that it is appropriate for both the very youngest children (4 years old) and the very oldest (11 years old). A new or adapted uniform will be needed so that it represents the new Primary school. The transition will be slow, and any changes, will take account of cost. We are investigating funding for 1 free jumper per child at the beginning of the amalgamation. Whilst uniform is important, it should never be a financial burden to any family.

SSC (Bumble Bee Class)

The SSC will remain on the Lyndhurst Road site for the coming year. In September, it will become a Primary SSC but will remain on its existing site, using an adjacent classroom for extra space as it expands to a 12 place unit. The SSC will expand year on year until it reaches its 21 place capacity.

Building work

Unfortunately, West Sussex who are running this project, are at present, unable to provide us with a time line of when planning permission will be granted and building can begin. Whilst the option of temporary classrooms was discussed at the beginning of the project, thus enabling the majority of learners to be on one site, it was considered not the best option. Having temporary classrooms, building works and an increase in personnel in temporary accommodation seemed more stressful for the children and staff than in postponing the EYFS and KS1 move to the new site until their accommodation was ready. Also, this combined with the increased demand for temporary classrooms nationally, due to the issues of RAAC, made the decision to stay on 2 sites a better option.

2024 intake for Early Years and Y1 and Y2

In September these cohorts will be on the Lyndhurst Road site. This decision has been made well in advance so that parent/carers and staff can plan and prepare the children. This also means that there will not be a last minute decision, which will cause extreme stress, to both families and staff. Before any transition to the Chesswood Road site will take place, there will be opportunities for both parent/carers and children to become familiar with it. Even though the new school will be on 2 sites there will be many opportunities for all children to work together as 1 school. Staff are committed to ensuring that the new school is a success and that stress risk factors are kept as low as possible for our children.