

Stakeholder update

30 July 2021

Lyde Green Primary and Secondary School Provision

South Gloucestershire Council wishes to advise on the current position on new school provision for the Lyde Green community.

There have been some changes to the plans that will go forward, which will delay the completion of the new buildings, however we are confident that we will be able to make sufficient provision of school places available for Year 7's entering secondary school in September 2022. We are also assured that the changes will continue to deliver outstanding new facilities as well as value for money as we progress these exciting new school buildings to meet the needs of families in and around Lyde Green.

We are pleased to confirm that we are working with BAM to develop the design and construct the new secondary school and additional primary places for the Lyde Green community. Both new buildings meet the council's climate policy for net zero carbon design. Officers are now working closely with BAM on finalising the delivery schedule. We will provide a further update once this schedule is agreed, and we will let you know when we can confirm when the new school buildings will be complete.

We have also received notification from the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) of a change to the sponsor of the new secondary school, which will be The Olympus Academy Trust (Olympus). We are extremely grateful to South Gloucestershire and Stroud Academy Trust (SGS) for securing the approval for the new school and their significant contribution to ensuring that the project progressed through the planning approval process. We continue to work closely with SGS in relation to their existing schools and have a long and positive track record of working with Olympus, too.

The RSC has also approved the Castle Schools Education Trust's proposal to expand Lyde Green Primary School with additional accommodation provided through a new building co-located with the new secondary school. Both Trusts will work together to ensure there are arrangements in place for the smooth and timely transition of Year 6 children.

Officers are now working in partnership with Olympus and The Castle School Education Trust (CSET) to ensure that the additional places in both the secondary and primary phases respectively are available for the new provisions to open as planned. Details of community engagement events will be made available in the coming weeks to advise on the specific pre-opening arrangements including open events and admissions arrangements for both trusts. Visit this webpage which will be updated with project developments: www.southglos.gov.uk/LydeGreenSchools