



18th September 2023

Dear Family

I was pleased to be able to provide you with a further update on our plans to create and build 'Space Village' on the school field to replace the 22 classrooms that we are currently unable to use. I am delighted to tell you that after a late phone call on Friday evening to the Department for Education, we received the approval, funding and sign-off to engage with one of our contractors. The organisation that will be working with us is called Losberger De Boer.

You can view their work on their website here: <https://www.losbergerdeboer.com/uk/>

Space Village is about making the impossible, possible, and as such, our contractors will be working long days, seven days a week. They have already started preliminary work on site ready to begin construction next week. This morning, we have had the site marked out and this afternoon a ground survey will be taking place. Later this week, the trackways will begin along with work to connect to services. Once construction starts, we expect that it will take four weeks to complete Space Village.

Space Village Construction Timeline

(Week 3: 18th September - 24th September) **Marking out site; surveys; connecting services**

(Week 4-6: 25th September - 11th October) **Space Village Phase 1: Block 1 - 11 classrooms**

- Site preparation: Monday/Tuesday 25th - 26th September
- Start construction first 20m x 60m building: Wednesday 27th September
- Start internal fit-out: 3rd October
- Finish: Monday 9th October
- Contingency and finishing day: Tuesday 10th October
- Handover Phase 1: Wednesday 11th October

(Week 5-7: 11th October) **Space Village Phase 2: Block 2 - 11 classrooms**

- Start construction second 20m x 60m building: Wednesday 4th October
- Start internal fit-out: Wednesday 11th October
- Finish: Wednesday 18th October
- Contingency and finishing day: Thursday 19th October
- Handover Phase 2: Friday 20th October

Speed has always been my number one driver and being able to open the school to all learners has remained our priority. However, none of that means that we need to do a shoddy job and quality also remains paramount. Whilst it may be true that we have had to create a temporary mini school, there is nothing that says it should not be of an excellent standard. I think you will be pleasantly surprised with our solution which will highlight our core value of excellence. It is certainly a cut above the leaky demountable of old that I remember from my school days.

Below are some initial plans to give you an idea of what the two blocks that will make up Space Village will be like.

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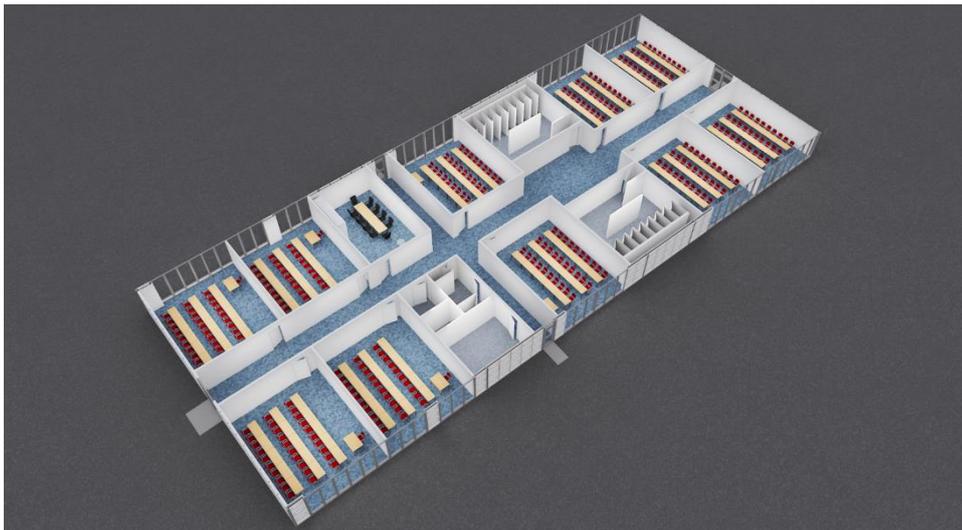
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Overview of 1 Space Village Block



Initial 3D Mock

Finally, a reminder of the current remote learning provisions as of next week...

Week B (Week 4)	Cohorts in School	Cohorts Remote Learning
25 th September	7, 8, 9	10, 11
26 th September	7, 8, 9	10, 11
27 th September	7, 8, 9	10, 11
28 th September	7, 8, 9	10, 11
29 th September	7, 8, 9	10, 11

Week A (Week 5)	Cohorts in School	Remote Learning
2 nd October	7, 8, 9	10, 11
3 rd October	7, 8, 9	10, 11
4 th October	7, 8, 9	10, 11
5 th October	7, 8, 9	10, 11
6 th October	Non-Pupil Day	

Week B (Week 6)	Cohorts in School	Cohorts Remote Learning
9 th October	9, 10, 11	7, 8
10 th October	9, 10, 11	7, 8
11 th October	9, 10, 11	7, 8
12 th October	9, 10, 11	7, 8
13 th October	9, 10, 11	7, 8

Revised Remote Learning Programme

If all goes to plan, we should be able to bring further year groups back in school according to the following timeline. We will confirm this nearer the time.

Week A (Week 7)	Cohorts in School	Cohorts Remote Learning
16 th October	7, 8, 10, 11	9
17 th October	7, 8, 10, 11	9
18 th October	7, 8, 10, 11	9
19 th October	7, 8, 9, 10, 11	None
20 th October	7, 8, 9, 10, 11	None

In the meantime, have a lovely week. I shall provide further updates as things progress. Here at Honywood, there is a lot of positive momentum around making the impossible possible and staff are working with incredible enthusiasm. I hope that learners realise that anything is possible. I will soon be leading assemblies on Moonshot thinking and turning a crisis into an opportunity.

Yours sincerely



James Saunders