



21st September 2023

Dear Family

It has been exactly three weeks since I was informed that Honywood School must close half of the school building. I have to pinch myself as it feels like we have been back at school for a lot longer than three weeks. Looking back, I am very proud of what we have achieved in such a short period of time. This is my fifth update on the creation of Space Village - our solution to the impossible problem of replacing half a school. In three more weeks, we would have almost finished the project - ahead of half term. We have built a mini school in 6 weeks. A great team effort!

Remote Learning Centre

We have now installed a large marquee on the field to provide additional capacity over the next few weeks before the Space Village launch. We will begin to offer additional support to learners with their remote learning. To begin with, we have focus on the rest of our SEND learners returning to school and will then look at how much additional capacity we will have to support additional families. We will be sending out a short form to gather further information on who would benefit from this support over the next week.

Once we have opened Space Village, we will use the marquee as an additional recreation space for learners. There have been discussions about turning the area into a table tennis arena!

Space Village Update

Space Village is well and truly underway now. We are still on track to achieve the timeline that I shared in my previous update. I have now confirmed the specification and design of the building and groundworks have begun to prepare the site to connect to the services. Half of the field has now been fenced off ready for work to begin next week. We will provide regular updates on the construction so please keep an eye out on our Facebook page.

Space Village will consist of two blocks which we have called A (Alpha) Block and B (Beta) Block. Alpha Block will house six Maths classrooms and four computer rooms as well as an additional multi-use classroom. Beta Block will house six English classrooms and four MFL classrooms as well as an additional multi-use classroom. All the rooms will be spaced out with a teacher station and screen and the Maths rooms will all have interactive whiteboards. Each classroom will be serviced by a wireless access point so that all iPads continue to work as normal. Both blocks will house a toilet cubicle block with an open plan wash area leading into a central foyer that also contains an accessible toilet, staff toilet and staffroom. We initially intended to allocate the two toilet blocks to individual cohorts - 10 and 11. However, after feedback we have decided to allocate one block to Cohort 10 and Cohort 11 girls and the other block to Cohort 10 and Cohort 11 boys.

Below are some more up to date designs of the final build:

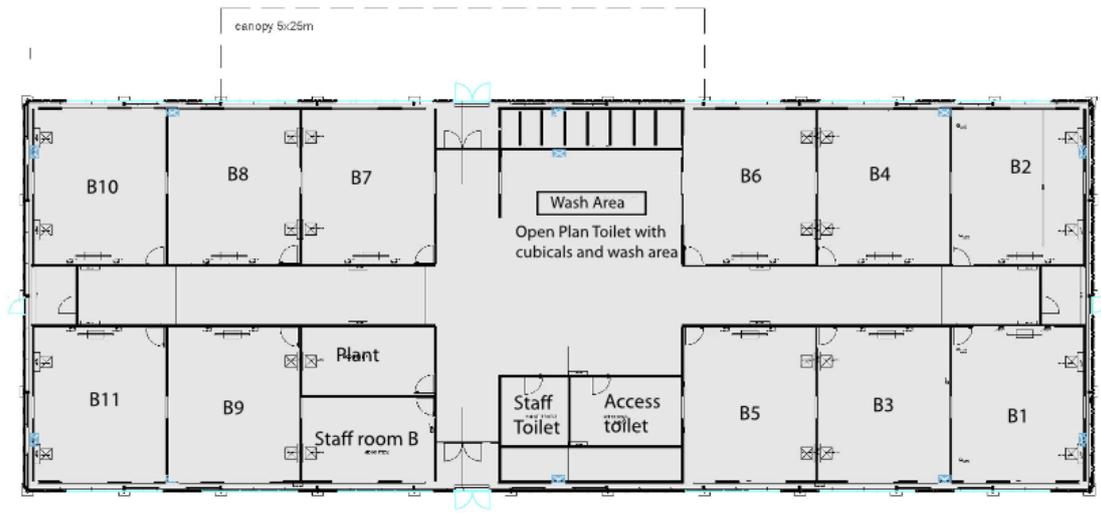


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Space Village Logo Competition

To help maintain the momentum of enthusiasm towards our project, tomorrow, I will be launching a competition with learners to create a new logo for our Space Village. Learners that wish to enter should send their designs to me either by email (if created on computer – jsaunders@honywoodschool.com) or in person (either by hand via my office or Main Reception). The design should include the words Space Village with a strapline – “*The impossible, possible*”. The logo should represent the idea of imagining the impossible and should be influenced by travelling to space.

The deadline for submission of the designs is Friday 29th September.

Moonshot Thinking - Space Village Launch Assemblies

Starting next week, I shall be leading assemblies on Moonshot thinking and turning a crisis into an opportunity.

Weds 27th Sep – C8

Thu 28th Sep – C9

Mon 2nd Oct – C7

Mon 9th Oct – C10

Tue 10th Oct – C11

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend when it arrives, I shall keep you updated as we progress with the build. Keep an eye on our Facebook page. For now, one proud headteacher, signing off.

Yours sincerely



James Saunders