



# **Willow Wood Community Primary School School Council New Build Questions and Answers Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

The Chair of the School Council welcomed the visitors, Chris Pearson, Project Manager and Steve Fitch, Architect. The Councillors introduced themselves and then asked the following questions which had been devised by each class.

1. What have you built before?

We have designed and built a few schools before from Primary schools all the way up to colleges. Also built and designed houses that you live in sometimes by just making them bigger from their original size. Also shops such as retail shops, supermarkets and cinemas.

2. How big are the classrooms going to be?

When an Architect designs a new building they are given certain measurements and guidance about what size things should be. So if there will be a classroom that will have 20 children in that classroom will be measured and built at the correct size for that amount of children.

3. Where will the extra parts of the building be?

The visitors laid out all the plans so the children could see the new build. They went through in much detail of where the new build would take place, and explained where things would change ie rooms and corridors.

4. Will there be a First Aid area?

Steve and Chris told the children that where the entrance is now that would be changing and a First Aid\Medical Room would be situated next to the new entrance.

5. Is the Nursery being moved?

Yes we will build a brand new Nursery and a Reception classroom. They will be situated next to each other.

6. Can we have a water fountain in each room?

This hasn't been discussed yet. All the outside plans are nearly ready but inside plans not as yet. We will plan a discussion on this. Steve and Chris explained all the work that goes into putting a water fountain in for example the pipes and a certain type of floor needs laying.

7. Will we still have a Woodland area?

The woodland area will be kept as it is. Chris and Steve agreed that children should always have trees and lots of grass to play in.

8. What will happen to the Snowflake Building?

No plans for this building as yet.

9. Will there still be cloakroom areas?

There will be plenty of room and space in your classrooms for coats and belongings.

10. Are the toilets going to change?

All the toilets will change they need to be a different shape and size. The toilets will be kept where they are because of piping issues. But they will be a lot more colourful. The children can help choose the colours!

11. Will there be a wet play room?

There may not be dedicated space just for a wet play room but classrooms will still be available for when it rains at lunch time.

12. Will we still have two separate playgrounds?

The playgrounds will stay the same. There will be a new outdoor area for the younger children.

13. What colours are the classrooms going to be?

Inside plans haven't been discussed yet but we have bought along some drawings for the children's input on what colours they

would like.

14. Will we have a Zebra crossing at the Sunshine building as well?

This is something that isn't up to the school or Architects and has to be decided by the local council and road safety. It will be thought about.

15. Where will our parents pick us up from?

There will be a whole new entrance developed and this will be situated on the corner of Crook Lane. There is plenty of space for parents to wait and there will be a new entrance for nursery themselves which will just be used for them.

16. Will the size of the playgrounds or field be affected?

On both sides of Lilac Class now the field will be affected when building takes place, which means the field will become a bit smaller. But the builders will try and put new grass in where it has been taken from. Also the trim trail and outside classroom will be moved no confirmed new location as yet. Willow Wood is very fortunate to have lots of outdoor space.

17. Is there going to be an art studio?

The Snowflake building maybe used as an art studio or for drama\music nothing confirmed just as yet.

18. Where will we be eating our lunch?

Lunch arrangements are not due to change.

19. When will the building start?

There is a very long list of people who need to agree on the plans for the new build this can take up to 7 to 8 weeks. We would like to get started at the end of May or beginning of June. Some construction will take place while children are in school with minimal disruption and the big part of the construction will take place in the summer holidays.

20. Will the building be safe?

Very safe and there will be a discussion further on about keeping children safe in school.

21. Can you tell us some safety warnings we need to know?

Every builder that takes part in building the new build has to have and know the health and safety rules. This is very important and will be talked about again nearer the time.

The Councillors thanked Chris and Steve for coming and they thanked the Councillors for some fantastic questions and listening so well. They said that the Councillors were a credit to the school.

The meeting closed at 2pm.