

**Ysgol Bryngwyn School**

**SPECIAL UPDATE**

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**



**Dear Parent/Carer,**

We would like to update you on the **'Bryngwyn Big Build'** and to let you know of some important operational changes that will be in place while construction works continue on site. This is an exciting time for us all at Bryngwyn as we see our facilities improve to provide even better opportunities for all our learners.

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES HAPPENING NOW!**

Please read below for an update on the "Bryngwyn Big Build" which means we must change the way we operate after half term.

### **BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR LEARNING**

#### **MAIN ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL BUILDING CLOSED TO ALL LEARNERS, STAFF AND VISITORS.**

Over the next four months, we will be re shaping the entrance to our main building. When we return after October half term, the **MAIN ENTRANCE WILL BE CLOSED TO LEARNERS, STAFF AND VISITORS.**

As we continue to develop our new build, each phase will bring us new challenges to overcome. After October half term, construction work will begin on the entrance to the school leading up to reception to create a brighter, more inviting and more visible entrance. This will involve building a large canopy at the main entrance, adding cladded coloured panels on the walls, building a ramp along one side of the steps and installing new paving.

As a result, we will no longer have access to any of the areas leading up to reception. Furthermore, we will not have access to the small car park adjacent to the building.

#### **RECEPTION AND VISITOR ACCESS**

Since our current reception area will no longer be accessible, a **new temporary reception** will be created in A Corridor. Pedestrian access to this area will be possible, but those arriving in vehicles will need to use the barrier and designated visitor parking.

Visitors to the site will now need to drive around to the front of the school, parallel to the main road, where visitor parking and the new reception area will be clearly marked. Please note, this road is controlled by a barrier, which will remain closed during the school day. A small speaker is located beside the barrier, allowing visitors to communicate with reception staff, who will raise the barrier as needed.

## IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR LEARNERS

- The main doors in the canteen (leading outside) will be closed throughout the day with **no** access in or out for any persons.
- The external door at the end of A corridor (opposite the toilets) will remain in use.
- There will be internal access to the relocated Reception Area on A Corridor through a “hatch” should pupils need to access reception when inside the building.

### At the start of the day:

- Learners arriving in school will **no longer be able** to enter through the main doors in the dining area.
- Entrance to and from the dining area will be available by walking along the service road, past the new reception, and through the blue coloured doors opposite the former reception area / beside the stairs to B corridor.
- Alternatively, learners may walk behind the school around the PE facilities and through the doors in the quad between C corridor and the dining area.
- At the start of the day, all pupils should use the doors nearest to their Year Corridors. Learners in A corridor will be able to use the entrance at the end of A corridor opposite the toilets.

### At the end of the day:

- At the end of the school day, pupils will no longer leave via the main doors in the dining area.
- Learners in A and B corridors will be able to leave by the blue doors in the dining area next to B corridor, or through the doors at the end of A corridor opposite the toilets.
- Learners in all other corridors will be able to leave through the main doors nearest to their corridors and walk around the outside of the building to the bus bay / external gates.
- There will be a staggered departure for different corridors at the end of the day while we transition to the new arrangements.

### Emergency Exit Arrangements:

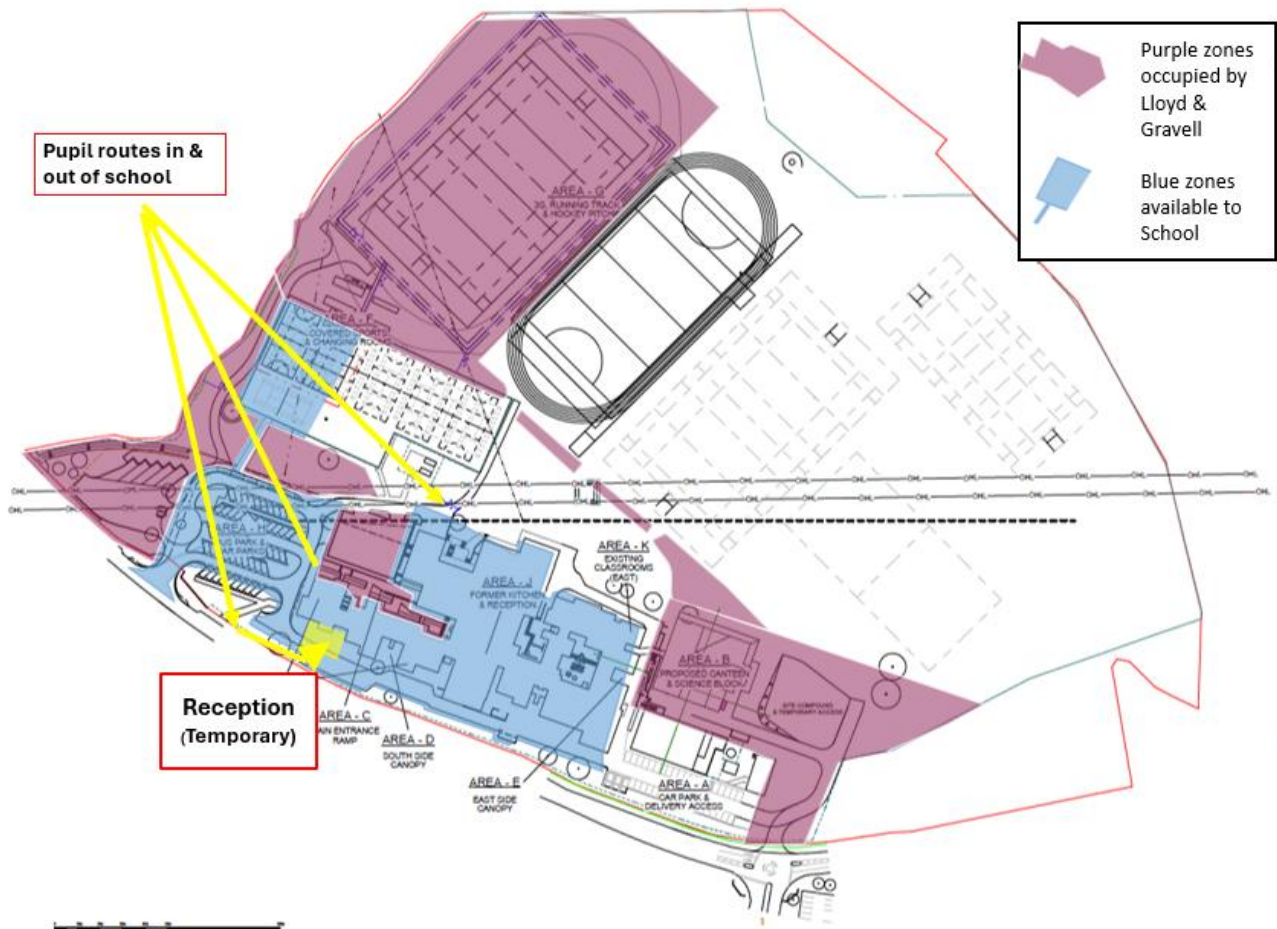
- Our Fire Exit procedures will **remain unchanged** from our current arrangements.
- Learners in the lower classrooms of A and B corridor will leave through the doors at the end of A corridor opposite the toilets. These include classrooms A7, A8 and A9, A10 and B9, B10, B11, B12 and B13.
- Learners in the main corridors of A and B corridor will leave through the blue doors adjacent to the B corridor stairs and walk around the building to the tennis courts.
- All other corridors will continue as normal, using the nearest exits but not traversing the dining area.

**Please see below an image of our school site with accessible areas marked.**

### **Please Note:**

The purple zones are NOT accessible to school staff or pupils.

The temporary road access via the roundabout at Prince Phillip Hospital is for SITE VEHICLES ONLY.



**We expect this phase of the construction to be completed by February Half Term when we look forward to using our new and welcoming main entrance and reception area!**

**We would like to thank all our learners and their families for persevering with these changes and supporting us as we continue to develop Bryngwyn School for the benefit of all.**

***Proud to be Bryngwyn!***

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