



Olive School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Announcement of The Olive Preston Permanent Site

Assalamu Alakium, (May peace be upon you).

As you are aware a representative from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and Mr David Holland, Executive Director for Capital projects for Star Academies met with parents today to inform us about the site that has been secured for the permanent home of The Olive, Preston.

The site that has been successfully secured to build our new school is situated approximately 2 kilometres north east of Preston city centre and is opposite Masjid-e-Salaam mosque. The school will be accessed via Vicarage Lane off Watling Street Road on the land which formerly housed Sharoe Green Hospital. The site is approximately 3 acres in size. Contracts have now been exchanged with completion subject to a planning application being granted.

I understand from colleagues that the location of the new school building may represent a disappointment for some parents, as the site is not located within the PR1 postcode area. However, at the meeting this evening the representatives from the ESFA explained the process which they have undertaken to secure a site for the school. Despite their best endeavours to secure a site in the PR1 district, unfortunately no suitable sites were found. Although this location may be something of a disappointment in terms of the location, the site itself is very attractive for the possibilities it offers for outdoor education, sports and play options.

The next stage in the process is to finalise whether the school will remain as a two-form entry or increase in size to a three-form entry this process should be completed by the end of December 2018. Early in the New Year the ESFA will appoint a contractor, who will then complete the design of the school and submit a planning application. The ESFA timeline indicates an anticipated start date of September 2019 for the building of the school, which is likely to take twelve months to complete.

For your further information I have posted a copy of the presentation from the meeting on the school's website. It can be found under the news section in latest news and letters to parents.

As a school, we are excited to finally have a site for our permanent home. As stated in my previous letter, I am most grateful for your patience as you have awaited details about the site. Going forward, I will keep parents informed as to how work is progressing on a regular basis via the Newsletter.

Yours faithfully

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