



16 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Rebuild of Springfield School

I am delighted to confirm that the Department for Education (DfE) and Contractor, KIER, are now 'in contract' and that **works will start on Monday, 26 January 2026** at the school.

As you are aware, this means that the Grove Road entrance will no longer be accessible to pupils from this date. Therefore, during this first phase of the build **all pupils will need to enter and exit the school via the Central Road (Scholars' Walk) gate.**

We will be explaining this change to pupils at school next week, but would be most grateful if parents / carers would support their child to understand and manage this change safely, please. There is lots of general information regarding safe travel available on-line for families, including that published by [ROSPA](#) which includes the importance of parents / carers ensuring that their child wears a helmet and hi-vis clothing when cycling. Pupils should not cycle on the school grounds.

We will be advising pupils who usually use the Grove Road entrance to travel up Lower Drayton Lane or Station Road (to access Central Road), depending upon whether they arrive from the south-west or south-east of the site respectively. **All pupils will need to allow some extra time for travel to (and from) school to ensure they are on site and at registration by 08:35.**

Further to advice from the Council's Road Safety and Active Travel Team, **we are politely asking those parents and carers who need to drop off / pick up their children by car not to do this in Central Road.** This is to reduce traffic around the school gate area and therefore make it safer for children and quieter for residents. Pupils should walk the last part of their journey to and from school from a different point / road. We are advised that this should also support general traffic flow and therefore save time for parents and carers. Thank you in advance of your support and understanding in this matter.

Colleagues at the Council have indicated that they will support the school with additional monitoring of the area at peak times; penalty charge notices can be issued to motorists for waiting, stopping or parking on zigzag lines when restrictions are in place. Parents / Carers can also report anti-social parking concerns via the [Council's website](#).

As you would expect, the building site itself will be strictly out of bounds to pupils for health and safety reasons. KIER will be working positively with the school and community and so there will be positive opportunities for the pupils to engage with the project over time. It is our understanding that KIER will be writing to those who live adjacent to the construction site via a leaflet drop over the next few days.

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We are hoping that with care, consideration of others and patience we can manage this change as smoothly as possible and look forward to our new school buildings in 2027. Staff will be supervising the Central Road gate area and monitoring and reviewing arrangements on an ongoing basis. I will write to you again with further information as the project progresses.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spivey".

Ms S F Spivey
CEO, Headteacher