

People Services Portfolio

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a good summer and are safe and well.

We are writing to update you on the development at Gleadless, which will provide additional capacity for Bents Green Special School.

Work has been taking place throughout the summer to get the building ready. Unfortunately, whilst substantial progress has been made, and the majority of work is complete, there will be a delay to opening the building.

This means that pupils **due to start W/C 7th September at Gleadless, will now be starting W/C 14th September.**

In saying this, we do not underestimate the challenge that families have faced during the past few months, and the disruption that has been caused to all our lives and children's education.

This delay is a result of the delivery of building supplies being significantly delayed by the impact of Covid-19 (a number of construction materials are shipped in from overseas), and a number of additional works being required to get the building ready.

Efforts have been made over the summer to reduce any disruption as much as possible, and whilst work has been taking place seven days a week, we unfortunately have a delay. During W/C 7th September, work will be set virtually and teaching staff will ring during the week to check in and discuss plans for the upcoming academic year.

Please know that we have done everything we can through a very difficult period to get the building right and ready for learners.

We know that Bents Green are doing all they can to support affected families and will be in touch.

Kind regards,

Matthew Peers
Strategic Commissioning Manager
Sheffield City Council