



Dear parent/carers

We are writing to provide an update on the new specialist provision being developed for The Bridge School at the John Fletcher of Madeley site.

This work forms part of the wider commitment to increase specialist SEND places across Telford and Wrekin, helping more children and young people access appropriate education closer to home. The new facility will provide 60 additional specialist places for pupils with complex needs.

It has been designed to offer appropriate teaching, support and learning spaces, enabling The Bridge School to extend its specialist offer and support a greater number of local families. This development will make an important contribution to local SEND sufficiency by increasing the availability of specialist school places and reducing the need for some pupils to travel outside their local area for suitable provision.

Work completed so far and over the summer holidays includes:

External Works

- Creation of a new one-way site access and a new drop-off zone
- Conversion of existing hard play area into a shared car park providing a minimum of 40 spaces plus DDA (accessible) and EV charging spaces.
- Creation of a new hard play area
- Installation of new school signage
- External works including creation of safe rubber-surfaced play areas, new fencing and access gates, and installation of maglocks and self-closing mechanisms where required.

Internal Works

- New specialist spaces have been created, including sensory rooms, a soft play room, quiet rooms, a medical room and additional storage areas
- Existing classrooms, corridors, toilets and administration areas have been refurbished, with new hygiene facilities and improved accessibility through the installation of a platform lift and stairs
- Significant upgrades have been made to technology, safety and security systems, including new ICT equipment, CCTV, fire alarms, lighting, heating controls and an intercom system
- Heating, ventilation and electrical services have also been improved to support the new learning environment and enhance the overall functionality of the building.

There has been good progress with the project, and we look forward to sharing further updates with you and welcoming you to the site.

Kind regards

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