

# Sudbourne Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Proposed Site Move

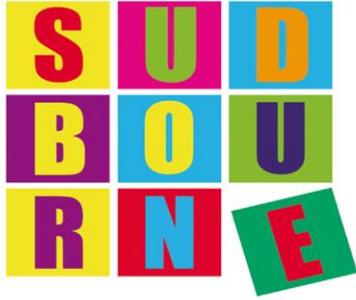
As many of you will know, we have a second site being built on Mandrel Road, which is a short walk from Sudbourne School. The building work is set to be complete at some point in the autumn term 2021. The original plan from the local authority was for Sudbourne to increase the number of pupils we admit each year from 45 to 90. This would have involved key stage 1 and early years children remaining at the original site and key stage 2 children moving to the new site. However, the increase to the number of our pupils is now not happening due to significantly lower numbers of reception aged-pupils in the borough. As we are not expanding our pupil numbers, we will only need to occupy one of the two school buildings/sites.

When the second site is completed, we therefore will have two school buildings. We have been exploring and considering a range of options in relation to how we use the two buildings. One of the options that we are seriously considering is for all pupils and staff, at some point during the next academic year, to move to the new site.

The new school site offers brand new accommodation and a really positive environment for learning. The new building includes bigger classrooms, more natural light, better space configuration and flexible classroom design. It also includes new ICT equipment and excellent sports facilities. All in all, it offers a dramatic improvement in the quality of accommodation that will be available to children and to staff.

By contrast, there are a number of problems with the physical infrastructure at the Hayter Road school site. Lambeth Council does not currently have a budget to meet the cost of repairing those issues. Should the budget become available in two or three years' time, we will need to accommodate the building work and accept the impact that it will have on playground space and within sections of the building.





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Moving to the new site offers the most positive and inspiring environment for learning for the children currently at Sudbourne, and for those who will come in the future. There is also a strategic benefit for the school. If we can maintain both sites, we will retain the flexibility to accommodate increased pupil numbers in future.

We potentially have the opportunity to rent out the Hayter Road site to other education providers. The income generated from this arrangement can be saved to help manage likely future costs associated with growing from a 1.5 form entry to 3 form entry school.

We would like to know what you think about a proposed move of all Sudbourne pupils and staff to the new school site on Mandrell Road. To provide us with your thoughts, please complete this short form:

<https://forms.gle/25DxauE7DA61LN9k7>

This form will close on 31st August 2021, after which we will contact you again in the Autumn Term once we have considered your views.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Blackmore – Headteacher  
Hannah Sheehan (Chair) on behalf of Sudbourne Governing Body

