

Date: 27th April 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Application for a place at Waverley Junior Academy (Reception/Foundation Stage 2)

I write to you following the recent offer of a place at Waverley Junior Academy for your child. Your child will start Reception/Foundation Stage 2 at the start of the Academic Year commencing 1st September 2020.

As you will be aware, Waverley Junior Academy is still under construction. Given the current Coronavirus (Covid 19) pandemic and government restrictions in place at this time, there is likely to be a delay to the school build project being completed by 1st September 2020 as scheduled. We are currently working on the assumption that there could be a possible delay up to the end of October (half term), given current restrictions on site and supply chain issues at this present time.

We are required by the Department for Education to have a contingency plan in place in case of any delay to the academy opening on 1st September 2020. The contingency plan in place for children who were made offers of a place at Waverley Junior Academy for September 2020 is that buses will pick up children at a designated point at Waverley and take the children to Thurcroft Junior Academy (Thurcroft is one of the other members of the ACET family of academies within its Trust), until the new school building is handed over to ACET by the contractors.

It is difficult to determine exactly when handover of the building and site will occur at this current time, but as a contingency we are currently working with an assumption of an October 2020 handover.

I would be grateful if you could email the LA's Admissions team at admissions.enquiries@rotherham.gov.uk and advise if:

- You want to take up the offer of the full time place at Waverley Junior Academy from 1 September 2020 for your child and accept the contingency arrangement in place for any delay period to the new school opening beyond that date – as outlined above whereby a temporary Foundation 2 place can be offered by ACET at Thurcroft Junior Academy. Transport would be provided to and from Waverley Junior Academy to Thurcroft Junior Academy each day. It should be noted that children do not legally have to be in school full time until the start of the term after their 5th birthday.
- You want to withdraw your application and apply for another school.
- Alternatively, if your child is currently accessing nursery provision they could, if there are available places and with agreement of the current provider, remain at

that provision until work is completed at Waverley Junior Academy. Your child would continue to receive their early education entitlement (either 15 hours a week or 30 hours a week if you are eligible and have an up to date 30-hour eligibility code).

I would be grateful if you could email the Admissions Team by **Friday 8 May 2020** to enable the necessary planning and arrangements to be put in place with effect from 1st September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Fenton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dean Fenton
Head of Service, Access to Education