



STOCKPORT
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To all parents/carers, staff, governors and neighbours
Arden Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers and Neighbours,

I am writing to let you know about development works on the Arden Primary School site.

As you will know, the contractor has been excavating the ground in order to prepare for the new building. During excavation of the hard play area and the playing field, the contractor has reported that small amounts of cement and insulation board which contain asbestos have been found. These materials are likely to have been buried before the existing school was built.

I can reassure you that the school site is safe for use by the children, staff and community users who attend.

The materials found are within the part of the site which is now closed off for construction and the contractor has undertaken testing and all necessary measures to ensure the site is properly and safely managed.

The materials will need to be safely removed from site by specialist contractors who work to specific guidelines as advised by the Environment Agency and the Health and Safety Executive. Removal work will take a number of days to complete and should be finished by 1st December 2014. The work will be completed by operatives who will wear specialist clothing and will not enter the part of the site which is occupied by staff and children. Air monitoring tests will also be carried out for the duration of the works to ensure that control methods are effective.

The original footpath from Stockport Road West will need to be closed whilst the removal work is carried out therefore **please could all families use the new footpath or the Osborne Street access between Monday 24th November and Monday 1st December 2014**. The path should re-open on Tuesday 2nd December 2014.

We will write to you again to confirm when the work is complete.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Bell
Head of Commissioning School Places

Andrew Webb
Corporate Director, Services to People