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Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL

Sandfield Academy

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An update on the project

Dear Neighbour,

As a resident living in close proximity to the new school development, we would like to provide you with an update on the next stage of the works. Preparatory, security, ecological and site investigation activities are now drawing to a close, allowing the development of the new SEN school to move into the next phase.

Construction works are due to commence on Monday 16 November 2026.

Ground improvement works

Our first phase of construction will involve improving the condition of the existing ground in preparation for the new school.

As part of our detailed site investigations, **the presence of asbestos in sporadic areas -** The investigations indicate that the majority of the material identified is cement-bound asbestos**.**

We appreciate that the discovery of asbestos-containing material may naturally cause concern to neighbouring residents and businesses. We therefore want to reassure you that the work will be undertaken under **strictly controlled conditions**, with appropriate specialist advice, monitoring and precautions in place throughout the works.

How will the work be controlled?

A number of measures will be implemented to protect our workforce, neighbours and the wider community:

1. Independent specialist oversight

Independent environmental consultants will visit the site regularly to monitor the works and ensure that the agreed procedures and control measures are being followed.

2. Dust suppression

During dry weather, water will be used to damp down excavation and working areas as required. This will help prevent dust and any potential asbestos fibres from becoming airborne.

3. Boundary monitoring

Dust monitoring will be undertaken around the site boundary during the works to confirm that the control measures remain effective and to identify any issues requiring further action.

Keeping you informed

Following commencement of the project a QR code will be set up with access to the Kier website and project information.

We will issue newsletter updates to properties in close proximity to the school throughout the construction period.

Contact details overleaf.



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4. Protective clothing and equipment
Some operatives working close to excavations may be seen wearing protective equipment, including masks and disposable coveralls. **This is a precautionary measure** to protect the workforce should previously unidentified material be encountered during excavation.

5. Safe removal of affected material
Where asbestos-containing or other hazardous material is identified, it will be managed in a controlled manner. Appropriate materials will be securely contained and stored before being transported to an appropriately licensed waste facility.

6. Keeping surrounding roads clean
A **wheel-wash facility** will be used to clean site vehicles before they leave the construction area, helping to prevent mud, dust and debris from being carried onto the surrounding highway.

Keeping our neighbours informed
The safety of our neighbours, the public and everyone working on the project is extremely important to us. We will continue to monitor the works carefully and will keep the local community informed as construction progresses.
We appreciate your patience and understanding while we carry out these important initial works and begin construction of the new SEN School.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Keeping you informed

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Thank you!

6th November 2026



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