

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROPOSED BREAKOUT SPACE

GOVERNORS' UPDATE, DECEMBER 2018

We are excited to report on the recent addition to the gate; a Planning Application Notice.

This is the culmination of over a year of Governors' and School's input in to looking at the opportunities to increase available space for learning to benefit all the children and staff at North Nibley.

During this time, the Governors and the School have consulted staff, children and experts to try and meet the current and future needs of North Nibley Primary School.

We would like to erect a 42 sq m timber framed cedar clad Learning Escape building by T G Escapes, subject to planning permission and funding.

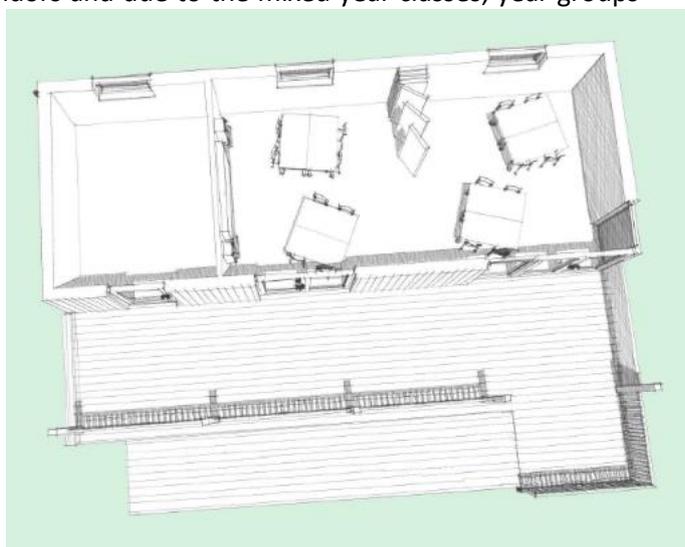


Many of you will already be aware that the school has old buildings. These buildings are held in Trust by the Diocese and the Governors are responsible for raising funds to maintain the buildings and grounds in good repair. In recent years, this has involved carrying out significant repairs to the chimney and providing upgraded playground facilities to which FONNS also made a significant contribution.

By modern standards, the buildings provide very limited and inflexible space for teaching. Children who require additional support often sit in corridors and due to the mixed year classes, year groups move between the hall and staffroom, which is not ideal. It is anticipated that this proposed breakout space will provide the children with a quiet, modern, spacious and light environment conducive to learning.

We are proposing that the majority of the building will be fitted out to provide additional teaching space, which can be subdivided with a folding and acoustic rated partition wall to be able to utilise the area for more than one group/one to one session at a time.

The balance of the space will provide secure and weather tight storage.



We could not have got this far without the support of others:

Bryan Simpson has given up his time to complete trial pits, soil analyses and to look at levels to establish the suitability of the proposed site next to the staffroom.

It comes as no surprise that ideas like this come at a cost; in this case circa £100,000. Governors are looking to commit much of the funding from investments, which have been held for many years. A significant amount of this is ring-fenced and we are hopeful it will be released to fund this project. However, this won't be enough and fundraising for the remainder of the capital is being led by parent, Emily Loveday, who has done an amazing job by raising in excess of £17,000 through applications for grant funding from various local organisations and charitable funds. It is Emily's intention to apply for further grants when planning permission is obtained.



We would like to hold an open meeting on Tuesday 15th January, starting at 7:30p.m. in the School hall, to provide further information on these proposals and answer any questions. FONNS would also like to use this opportunity to explore how parents might support with the additional fundraising required to

make this priority a reality. We hope that you will be able to attend.

In the meantime, please do make any of the Governors or Emily aware of organisations, Charitable Trusts and/or opportunities to which we could make an application for grant(s). Your help, as ever, would be appreciated!

In the meantime, you can keep up to date with the planning application using the following link:

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=PIYM7LPNIEZ00>

Yours sincerely,

Finance & Premises Committee

On behalf of the Governors of North Nibley Primary School

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