



2020 has been a challenging year for everyone. The project team working on the new Currie Community High School started out the year with the hope of spending the spring/summer terms in conversation with staff, parents, learners and the community.

We did, however, have the learner, staff and community questionnaires and consultation work done in 2019 which could inform the design team in those early stages.

As the schools began to close it was unavoidable that there had to be a pause in our progress while the school ensured the safety and continuing education of their learners.

We chose to use the time to focus on the strategic detail of how a modern school can be designed to create the innovative learning environment and community hub that we'd like to see at Currie. Over the summer term we held a series of focussed strategic education workshops with the school's senior management team who worked hard to plan their principles for education, inclusion, outdoor learning and sustainability, digital learning and community access.

Strengthening this we had a number of virtual meetings with colleagues from the Council who are specialised in these five areas.

We're pleased to have the insight of the headteacher of Woodlands to help inform the strategic approach to creating an inclusive school.

We've seen a lot of progress in the design since the Autumn term and DHT John Schmidt has been key in communicating ideas to staff and coordinating feedback to the design team throughout the process.

We'd like to thank Jenny Smith, her team of DHTs and all the staff at Currie for their commitment and time given over what has been a challenging year.

We're wishing you all have a good Christmas holiday and we are looking forward to sharing the designs for the new building with you in the new year.



Although we had to take a pause in education consultation work due to the coronavirus pandemic the project timescales had enough allowance to keep us on target for opening in 2024.

In the new year we will meet virtually with parent council chairs from the cluster and Woodlands to present the building plans and project aspirations.

From there, we aim to continue the consultation work with the school, parents and community to progress the building plans and interior designs.

Key Dates:

29 January 2021: Sharing the designs presentation and discussion with Parent Council Chairs.

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