

Update from Outwood Academy Kirkby

"We are absolutely delighted to see work getting underway on our new school building. This represents a transformative moment for our community. Both students and staff are incredibly excited to watch our future home take shape, knowing it will provide the world-class facilities and sustainable learning environment our young people deserve."



Contact us

Site telephone number:

07483 639 821

Willmott Dixon Site Office
New Street, Kirkby In Ashfield
NG17 7DQ

Luke Chambers, Senior Building Manager at
Luke.Chambers@willmottdixon.co.uk

Paul Smith, Snr Ops Manager at
Paul.Smith1@willmottdixon.co.uk



WILLMOTT DIXON
SINCE 1852

willmottdixongroup

@WillmottDixon

WillmottDixon

www.willmottdixon.co.uk



WILLMOTT DIXON
SINCE 1852



PROJECT INSIGHT – January 2026

Outwood Academy Redevelopment

Welcome to the 2nd edition of our project newsletter. We hope to keep you informed as to our plans and progress towards the delivery of the Outwood Academy Kirkby redevelopment works. We will issue a newsletter quarterly from now on.



Senior Building Manager

Luke Chambers

E luke.chambers@willmottdixon.co.uk



Current Activities

We are currently carrying out preparation works for the project.

The Outwood Academy school remains open and fully functional throughout the construction works. To achieve this, our works are going to be carried out in phases commencing in the area nearest Kingsway Park. In the finished scheme this area becomes planting and playing fields but in this first phase of works a temporary school block is to be constructed. This requires us removing material from site and creating hard standings, we will have regular roadsweepers to ensure New St is kept clean (right).

We will also be pruning the tree which overhangs the carriageway on New St..

We would appreciate your assistance in keeping the carriageway clear by parking considerately so our deliveries can access site. We will ensure that site personnel always park within the confines of the site boundary.



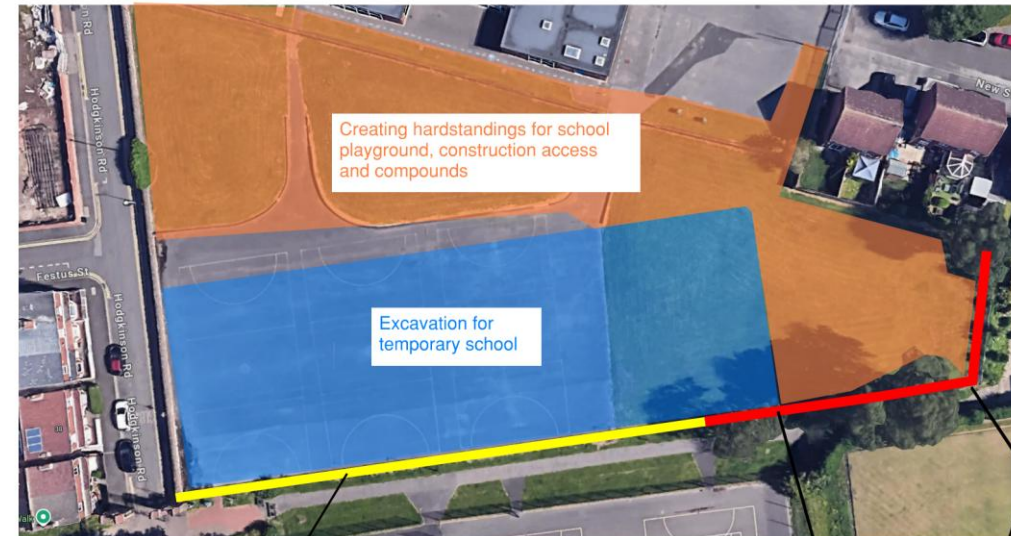
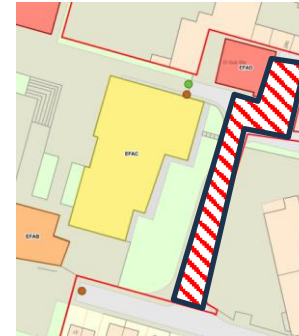
Upcoming Activities

We are creating hardstanding for playgrounds, construction access and a site compound and then will be excavating to create foundations for the temporary school. Once complete, the temporary school installation will commence with regular deliveries of units which will be crane lifted into position.



We also have trenching works for installing buried services (left).

Below is an overview of current works areas and boundary protection measures which are to be installed in the next quarter.



Project Overview

Ashfield District Council has granted Planning permission for the £38 million transformation of Outwood Academy Kirkby, marking a significant milestone in delivering a state-of-the-art educational facility for the town.

The comprehensive redevelopment will replace the existing 1970s school buildings with a modern, sustainable facility designed to accommodate 900 pupils and a dedicated sixth form on the 6,720 square metre town centre site. Appointed by the Department for Education.

The new academy will meet the Department for Education's latest sustainability specification, powered by a combination of air source heat pumps and solar panels to reduce carbon emissions and operational costs. The project will also deliver a ten per cent biodiversity net gain, providing additional habitats to benefit the local environment and wildlife.