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### **Moor Hall Primary School Expansion: Update**

On 14th June 2017, the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA) determined the proposal to expand Moor Hall Primary School by 1st September 2017 subject to the granting of planning permission for the associated building and other works at the school by 21st July 2017. Unfortunately the date to achieve planning permission was not achievable due to the length of time required for the Planning Application process after the decision was received.

Following receipt of legal advice, Birmingham City Council resubmitted the proposal to the OSA on 28th July 2017 requesting a modification to the implementation date and the date by which planning permission must be achieved.

On 16th August 2017, the School Adjudicator determined the proposal to expand Moor Hall School from 1st September 2018, subject to the granting of planning permission for the associated building and other works at the school by 30th June 2018. The Planning Application was submitted on 4th July 2017 (reference number 2017/05933/PA).

The Local Authority acknowledges that not implementing the expansion for 2017 will cause inconvenience and disappointment for members of the local community that are looking for a local school place in this part of Sutton Coldfield for 2017/18. The Local Authority will continue to closely monitor the demand for Reception places during 2017/18 and implement reactive measures where possible.

If all relevant planning approvals for 2018 implementation are achieved, there will be a period of procurement. Conversations will then take place between the contractor, the school and the Local Authority to establish a site office at the school and would anticipate this happening before Christmas. It is anticipated that actual work would commence in early 2018. The Local Authority's Education Infrastructure Service will establish a Stakeholder Group for the duration of the project to ensure there is an on-going opportunity to communicate and engage with interested parties. Key dates for the project will be published when confirmed.