

Rotherhithe Primary School

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID 19 has certainly had a deep impact on both our day to day lives and business operations. As members of your community, we however remain committed to your health and safety and our leadership team has been using the latest information to assess the best course of action day by day.

During these difficult times, our primary concern is for the health and wellbeing of our staff, supply chain and members of the public.

Concentrated efforts have continued behind the scenes to develop and test a series of robust systems and procedures in full accord with the latest guidance from the Public Health Authority, Health and Safety Executive and the Construction Leadership Council. These will ensure the highest level of health, safety and wellbeing will be provided to anyone living in the area, working or visiting the site.

Enabling Works will commence on site on the 3rd of August. These initial works will start off with limited personnel on site to secure the site boundary and put mitigation measures in place to ensure our workforce can work safely. We anticipate that the works will be up to full productivity by mid-September 2020.

Please be assured that we continue to monitor this situation very closely and our primary focus is to ensure our work within your community is maintained in a safe and responsible manner.

The following information helps to explain some of the measures we've put in place on our sites to commence works and should help to answer any questions you might have;

Operating Procedures A new operating procedure has been developed by the company which takes into count the guidance provided by the Construction Leadership Council and HSE England. Site Specific Risk assessments have been completed and now form an integral part of daily operations.

Social Distancing We have rigorous procedures in place to ensure everyone on site follows these measures, which very much falls within our existing H&S protocols governing safe site activity and will be enforced as such. Prior to a return to site all workforce will be tested on their understanding of new measures in place.

The need to work one metre apart requires cooperation and understanding, and our teams have been working closely with supply chain partners and other stakeholders to agree practices and programmes, so we continue to operate in a safe environment. Extra office and welfare facilities have been procured so as we are able to implement the 1m social distancing rule.

Site lay-out We have reviewed likely bottlenecks, such as access/egress and routes in and around the site. To combat this, we created a series of one-way systems allowing site operatives to keep their distance and avoid oncoming people.

Workforce Communication We hold regular briefings on the importance of hand washing and hygiene, as well as intensifying our daily cleaning regime. 'Toolbox talks' with our people and supply chain partners will be used to communicate the latest guidance and working practices, these meetings are to be held in open areas, allowing for the maintenance of the two-metre rule

PPE Our procurement teams have worked hard to source stock to fulfil our requirements and are also able to assist our supply chains requirements for COVID-19 PPE.

Cleaning We are ensuring communal touch points are cleaned down a number of times each day. Providing hand sanitiser; alongside the basics of widely available hand washing, hygiene guidance and clear signage. We have increased the cleaning regimes on all our sites to ensure that areas such as canteen are cleaned down after every sitting.

Pre work validation of personal health Encouraging members of the site team to notify us of any changes to their health and to self-isolate immediately if anyone feels/displays any of the symptoms.

Temperature Checking We have introduced the use of temperature checks for all personnel when entering the project each morning as a further safeguard.

Working from home Some of our office-based people now work from home and avoid unnecessary travel. Thanks to the very latest technology, our teams can seamlessly share information and meet virtually in order to continue functioning effectively. This has helped free up space in our site offices to implement social distancing measures, placing each desk station more than one metres apart at any one point

We will continue to heed the very latest Government advice. This will be monitored daily and procedures and messaging adapted immediately to any changes that are required. In the meantime, should you have any questions or wish to raise any particular concerns, please contact the project on, **01483 717321**

Kind Regards and Stay Safe