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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware the Torch Academy Gateway Trust, of which Toot Hill School is a founder member, has been working to open a Free School in Newark over the last 18 months.

On 30 March 2017, the Department for Education announced that the Newark Toot Hill Free School (recently renamed The Suthers School) had been granted permission to open in September 2017 in temporary accommodation for the first 18-24 months.

The temporary accommodation will be situated on the Toot Hill School site. It will be housed in the Youth Wing, a building separate from the main school and currently requiring refurbishment. This location will allow The Suthers School to establish itself independently of Toot Hill School.

The building is currently being fully refurbished internally and externally to the very highest standards and should be completed by September 2017.

Please be reassured that the impact on Toot Hill School and all of us will be minimal and once The Suthers School moves to its permanent location, the refurbished building will add much needed additional classroom capacity to Toot Hill School.

If you would like further information over the holidays about The Suthers School or this arrangement please contact The Suthers School administrator, Stephanie Bird on 01949 863045.

Once I have received more information regarding these plans I will be able to provide an update in the summer term.

Yours sincerely

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