

Stratford School Academy, Grosvenor Road and Upton Lane

In October 2015 our new building on Upton Lane will open. We will then have two buildings, each designed for 750 pupils. We are going to run the two buildings as two parallel 'mini-schools'. The subjects we teach will be the same at both buildings and it will make no difference which building a pupil attends.

How we will be deciding which students go to which building

Just as we do at the moment we will assign all pupils to Houses. From September 2015 there will be six Houses. And just as we do at the moment we will make sure that the Houses are balanced by

- Gender (boys and girls)
- Key Stage 2 test scores
- Ethnicity
- First language
- Special Educational Needs
- Medical Conditions

Once our Upton Lane building opens three Houses will move to Upton Lane and three will stay at Grosvenor Road. Pupils will be told which House they are in when they start back to school in September 2015. We will also issue all existing pupils with a new school tie. We expect to tell pupils which Houses are at which site in October 2015.

As now, brothers and sisters will be put in the same House and so will be in the same building.

When deciding how to allocate pupils to Houses and to buildings Governors agreed that, if we were to achieve balanced Houses, we could **not** consider:

- How close pupils live to each of the buildings. The two buildings are just five minutes walk apart and it will make no real difference to pupils which building they have to go to.
- Parental or pupil preference for a building – because we will be running two parallel mini schools it really should make no difference which building pupils go to.

What we are going to do until the Upton Lane building is ready in October 2015

For the first ½ term everyone will be at Grosvenor Road and we will have some extra temporary classrooms.

What to do if you have any questions

We will be holding meetings for all parents on the 20th July 2015 from 4pm to 5pm and on the 21st July 2015 from 6 pm to 7 pm. Or you can call the school and ask to speak to Sylvia Berwick Walsh our Office Manager. If she cannot answer your question she will pass you on to someone who can.

And finally

We think this sheet will give you the information you need but there may be questions that you as parents have that we haven't thought about. If questions do come up that we think will be of interest to all parents then we will put them up, with answers, on our website.