

17th March 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

The Community Drop-In Session held at the Academy on the 10th March 2011 was well attended and provided a forum to answer specific queries from parents, carers and the local residents.

A number of questions were asked in relation to the landscaping of the surrounding area, illumination of the Academy at night; pedestrian entrances to the site and access to the building for students. The timing of the closure of the two sites in December was also queried.

Droylsden Academy will be an outstanding facility for learning with first class buildings, technology to transform learning and innovative and creative teaching to inspire students. The Academy and Sponsor, Tameside College, are keen to ensure that parents and the local community are kept well informed of progress of the new building - on schedule to open at the beginning of January 2012.

Parent/Carers and residents were reassured that the landscaping would be sympathetic to the area and that the Academy would be appropriately illuminated when in use and when the Academy was closed. Student and visitor access will be by designated pedestrian walk ways fenced and away from vehicles. Both Academy sites will close on the 16th December to allow all staff to pack-up and move into the new build in preparation for the students returning in January. Discussions are still being held about the possibility of a phased move to the new building in early January.

One particular question which was asked, and is clearly causing concern, is the designation of the toilets. Please may I assure all parents and carers that there are separate toilet facilities for male and female students in the new Academy building.

Should you wish to see the plans or have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Fish, the Academy Community Manager.

Yours sincerely

Ms G Nicholson
Acting Principal