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Dear Residents

**Re: Alkerden Academy Update**

As construction work on Alkerden Academy is entering the final phase to enable the opening date of September 2026, we wanted to provide an update on key dates and activities over the coming months.

Following the removal of the temporary school, the remaining site-wide works will be completed in a logical, phased approach, enabling all facilities to be opened for use by both the school and the wider community. By their nature, these works will involve fewer operatives and reduced vehicle movements than at present and should therefore have less impact on surrounding residents.

Below are the key dates we are targeting:

**July / August 2026** – completion of main construction works to the primary and secondary school. Temporary school removal and starting the second 3G sports pitch, other remaining site wide sports facilities and landscaping. Construction access will be via the temporary road from the top northeast corner of the site.

**August 2026** – Installing furniture and equipment in the schools.

**September 2026** – Primary and secondary schools open. All access for pupils and visitors will be via Fastrack and / or the main entrance to the west of the site (Colyer Drive). Staff will access via the eastern entrance. Pupil numbers for September 2026 are expected to be circa 370, with a gradual increase each year as determined by Kent County Council.

**December 2026** – Second 3G pitch ready for use.

**September 2026 to April 2027** – completion of final/third grass pitch, site wide landscaping, footpaths and fencing

**May 2027** – all works completed

We thank you all for bearing with us during the construction process, and as we enter the final stages to deliver this fantastic new Academy for our community.