



# Ickleford Primary School – infrastructure and LA funding

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

# Agenda

- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
- ▶ Timeline of infrastructure issues – Miles Maxwell
- ▶ Summary of school building survey – Miles Maxwell
- ▶ Routine school funding allocation for infrastructure – Nicky Pedder
- ▶ The three critical priority projects – Nicky Pedder
- ▶ Summary of recent meeting at County Hall – Miles Maxwell
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- ▶ Q&A

# Timeline of infrastructure issues

- ▶ Nov 2017 DfE School Condition Collection survey conducted
- ▶ June 2018 Kitchen annual gas inspection – defect/ non compliance
- ▶ Sept 2018 NHDC Environmental Health Inspection
- ▶ Nov 2018 School commissioned buildings survey
- ▶ Dec 2018 Issues raised with Governors and County Councillor
- ▶ Jan 2019 Business cases for three critical projects submitted to Herts CC – heating system (£200K), kitchen upgrade (£32K), water and sewerage (£25K)
- ▶ Mar 2019 School closed due to absence of running water; burst pipe in IT suite

# Timeline of infrastructure issues - 2

- ▶ June 2019 DfE School Condition Survey becomes available
- ▶ June 2019 Herts CC notify us that our bids were unsuccessful; further information requested on water/ sewerage in advance of autumn 2019 review
- ▶ July 2019 Boiler failure – age of equipment limits supply of parts
- ▶ July 2019 End-of-term communications to parents from HT and CoG raises awareness of issues
- ▶ Aug 2019 Communication from Herts CC – approve ‘in principle’ funding for central heating and kitchen upgrade; all three projects re-reviewed in Oct 2019; ranking against funding bids from other schools in Herts; outcome of bids known in spring 2020; funds available (if successful) during 2020/ 21

# Timeline of infrastructure issues - 3

- ▶ Sept 2019 Boiler (for heating) still not operational; updated survey and quote for replacement obtained
- ▶ Sept 2019 Meeting at school with Bim Afolami; subsequent meeting with Bim Afolami and CoG at County Hall

# Summary of school building survey

- ▶ Condition – A = good, B = satisfactory, C = poor, D = bad
- ▶ Priority – 1 = urgent, 2 = essential, 3 = desirable, 4 = long-term
- ▶ Only items costing  $\geq$ £25K are listed
- ▶ In total >100 items were noted in the report
- ▶ All costs are rough estimates, not formal quotations
- ▶ Why is boiler/ controls replacement (worst condition, highest priority) placed into the 2-5 year time frame?
- ▶ The boiler cannot be replaced without the pipework also being replaced.
- ▶ ‘Underground drainage’ is a high priority

| Description                                | Condition | Priority | Cost       | Time frame (years) |
|--|-----------|----------|------------|--------------------|
| Install kitchen ventilation system         | D         | 1        | £25,000    | 1                  |
| Renew main boiler and controls             | D         | 1        | £25,000    | 2-5                |
| Renew internal ceilings                    | B         | 1        | £60,500    | 2-5                |
| Replace windows to original building       | C         | 2        | £31,500    | 2-5                |
| Repair windows to rear buildings           | C         | 2        | £89,000    | 2-5                |
| Repair underground drainage                | B         | 2        | £25,000    | 2-5                |
| Replace floor coverings (general)          | B         | 2        | £48,790    | 2-5                |
| Replace classroom floor coverings          | B         | 2        | £38,250    | 6-15               |
| Renew fire alarm system                    | B         | 2        | £50,000    | 16-30              |
| Replace heating pipework                   | C         | 3        | £55,000    | 2-5                |
| Replace light fittings                     | C         | 3        | £82,500    | 2-5                |
| Replace cladding panels above windows      | C         | 3        | £42,000    | 2-5                |
| Renew flat roof coverings (Main Hall)      | C         | 3        | £52,250    | 2-5                |
| Replace radiators                          | B         | 3        | £25,000    | 6-15               |
| Renew flat roof coverings (Y3 and 4)       | B         | 3        | £38,250    | 6-15               |
| Renew flat roof coverings (rest of school) | B         | 3        | £127,500   | 6-15               |
| Total (including ca. 100 other items)      |           |          | £1,266,145 |                    |

# Summary of school building survey - 2

- ▶ Alternative analysis: total costs for each of the four time-frames

| Year 1  | Year 2-5 | Year 6-15 | Year 16-30 | Total      |
|---------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| £39,950 | £645,195 | £522,050  | £184,150   | £1,266,145 |

A significant amount of the Year 2-5 costs need to be moved forward to Year 1 to cover the critical projects which need to be done now

# Routine school funding allocation for infrastructure

- ▶ Capital budget
- ▶ Repairs and Maintenance budget



# The three critical priority projects

- ▶ Boiler and heating system
- ▶ Kitchen upgrade
- ▶ Water and sewerage systems

# Summary of recent meeting at County Hall (12<sup>th</sup> Sept)

- ▶ Attendees – Bim Afolami, Jack Wharton (BA's constituency manager), Terry Douris (Executive Member for Education, Herts CC), Michael Ramshaw (Head, Design & Capital Delivery, Herts CC), Miles Maxwell
- ▶ HCC has a better understanding of the extent and urgency of the issues
- ▶ Central heating issues will be fast-tracked
- ▶ Confirmation of additional information needed for water/ sewerage project
- ▶ Can/ should the school fund the kitchen upgrade?
- ▶ Kitchen and water/ sewerage projects will be re-reviewed in Oct 2019
- ▶ Funds for successful bids will be made available from April 2020
- ▶ Aim for all critical works to be complete by end of August 2020

# Summary of actions since meeting at County Hall



What this means for the school



Q&A

