

Welcome

This new School Estate Bulletin has been developed by the School Asset Support Team (SAST) to share information around Corporate and Government policy, strategic improvements, and to provide additional guidance and support for items affecting the school premise.

The ESFA are increasingly referring to the role of Responsible Bodies within schools, whether it is the Local Authority, Multi Academy Trust or the Diocesan Boards. It is our intention to communicate with the entire school estate however there will be a focus on the maintained schools and we ask that Academies and Diocesan schools seek advice from their Responsible Bodies where appropriate.

Should you require support or advice regarding your school premise then please do not hesitate to contact the SAST team and we will be happy to assist.

Corporate Compliance & Landlord Approval

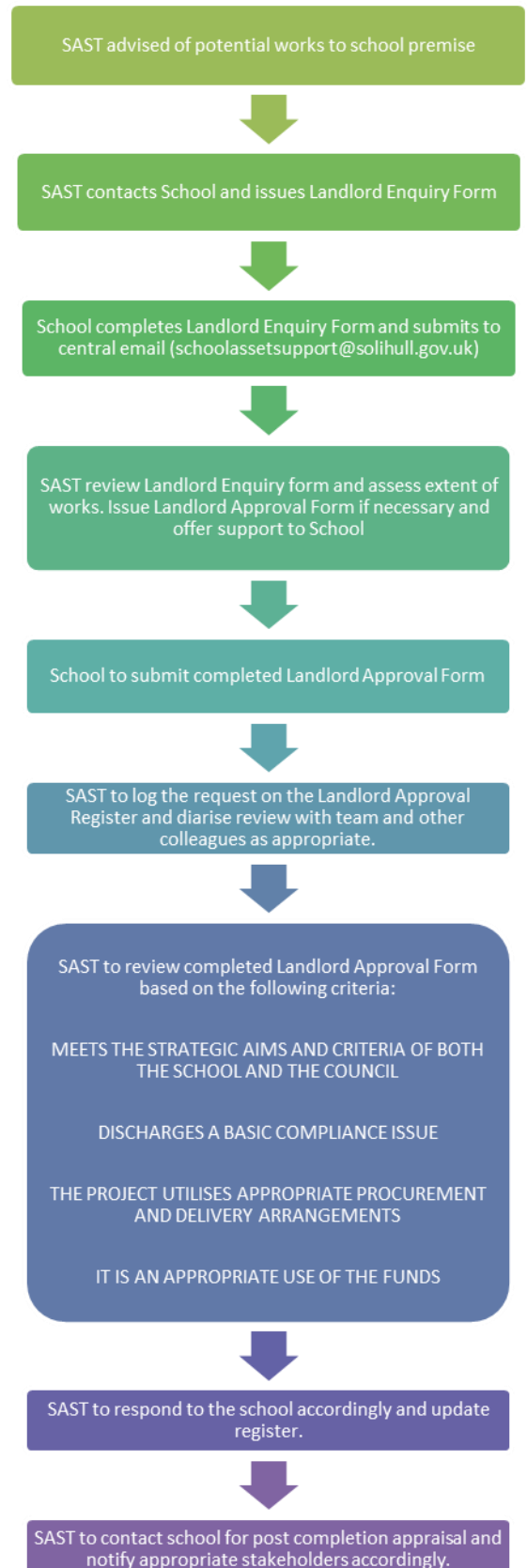
Recent correspondence from The ESFA and DFE have highlighted the importance of The Corporate Landlord role, particularly in respect of compliance. This is demonstrated through **The Asbestos Management Assurance Process**, the ongoing **Condition Data Collection** process and the release of **The Good Estate Management for Schools Toolkit**.

We would like to thank you for your support during the AMAP Asbestos Assurance Process and remind those schools who have not yet been contacted by a surveyor regarding the ESFA Condition Data Collection survey that this may happen imminently. SAST will provide support and guidance around this.

To ensure we have the latest information about our schools, we remind you that any school-led projects affecting the premises will require Landlord Approval. **With this in mind please advise us of any projects carried out recently that we may not be aware of.**

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Landlord Approval Process Map



Capital Programme

The Children's Services Capital Programme continues to serve the estate, providing strategic expansions and improvements to meet sufficiency and suitability priorities. Recent projects include the expansions at Greswold Primary, Tidbury Green and Blossomfield with current schemes underway at Shirley Heath, Sharmans Cross and Tudor Grange and the secondary ARC at Alderbrook.

The North Solihull Primary Programme is culminating in the redevelopment of Yorkswood Primary which follows the recent remodelling of Windy Arbor which included provision for an ARC.

The programme also addresses condition and maintenance priorities and there has been recent investment upgrading the kitchen ventilation systems across the estate.



School Asset Management Plans

We have previously completed School Asset Management Plans for a number of our schools and we will systematically progress and update these across the school estate. The AMPs will provide frameworks to analyse and prioritise actions for the short, medium and long term development of the school's assets. They will be complementary to the overarching Schools' AMP 2018 and other key strategic policies outlined by both the schools and the Local Authority.

Carbon Management

Carbon Management is a priority within the Solihull Council Plan and schools will play a key role in achieving a **targeted reduction in carbon emissions by 2021**.

We will be working closely with colleagues and schools to achieve this aim and will identify key improvements across the school estate, which will also be communicated through your individual Asset Management Plans.

The **Ashden Less CO2 Workshop** will be commencing this term and provides an excellent opportunity for schools to look at their own operations and identify energy and money saving practices. Places are limited so please contact **Sarah Evans, Energy Officer, sarahevens@solihull.gov.uk** to reserve your place.

There is also an **Energy and Greener Schools Celebration** event planned for 19th October. To book your place/s at the event or for more information please contact **Sarah Lardner, Sustainability Engagement Officer, slardner@solihull.gov.uk**



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