

# Callaghan College Wallsend Campus

## Works notification | 1 March 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

As you may be aware, there was a fire in the Technological & Applied Studies Building (Building J) at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus after school hours on Thursday 23 February 2023.

Preliminary works to make electricity and gas safe are complete.

Due to fire and subsequent smoke and water damage, seven rooms in Building J have been cordoned off since Thursday night. The remaining rooms of Building J are operational and in use.

The rooms impacted on both the ground level and level 1 include a number of general learning spaces, a materials workshop, the outdoor workshop and the school's commercial kitchen. To ensure there is no disruption to learning and school operations, the school has implemented an alternative mitigation schedule until remediation is finished.

Our local School Infrastructure team is working closely with Callaghan College Wallsend Campus and local authorities and following all expert advice.

### Update on works to date

A qualified independent occupational hygienist has been engaged and has advised on remediation plans for areas and material impacted by the fire, heat, water, or smoke. Environmental cleaning is underway and involves wiping down all surfaces and air scrubbing.

The hygienist returned on Wednesday 1 March to inspect the progress of the environmental clean and remediation works for the areas affected by smoke. Once the works are complete, the hygienist will issue a clearance certificate to the school before rooms are re-opened to students and staff. This should occur next week.

Further works are required in the outdoor workshop replace electrical infrastructure and all damaged building elements. This room will be re-opened at a later date.

### Keeping you informed

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

We will keep the community updated as remediation works progress.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

