

and no longer a 'service'. As such the operator can make application to the Traffic Commission and make other changes / withdrawal should they wish. Latest news is that there are to be improvements from 1st October.

Change is a fact of life, we live with constant change. Yet such is the nature of our community that we find that many of our residents were born here, went to school here and now take / send their own children and grand children to school here. Yet the world in which we live has changed faster in the last 50 years than it did over the last 250 years. As we live with www. - - along with the 'social networking sites' this speedy pace of change will continue. We need to keep up with change, be a part of it and embrace it.

For the last couple of generations or so, residents have been used to the very young starting school in Eastholme Drive, then later moving up the road a mile or so to Rawcliffe Lane. In recent times these two schools have been operating under the common management structure and the one Headteacher, Chris Wigley.

All this is changing NOW! The old Rawcliffe Infants School has been demolished and the children this September moved into the new school building. Older children from the Junior site in Rawcliffe Lane will be moving in over the coming weeks and the whole of the development will be finished off by Christmas operating under the banner of Clifton with Rawcliffe PRIMARY School. The new development boasts a fine building with outstanding facilities and outdoor sports and activity areas on site that are second to none.



For all the re-development that has been undertaken in the community over the last 50 years this is perhaps the most significant. The impact on local community cannot be over emphasised as the school changes from "an institution for the education of children" to a "place where children learn to embrace life and their future".

Part of the brief for the development was to "ensure innovative, safe and stimulating first class conditions for learning and teaching, in a facility serving the wider community". Whether that last part of the objective is achieved is partly down to all of us. As you have opportunity, do visit to see the facilities that are on offer here at the heart of the community. Many residents have for some time failed to see the distinction between the Parishes of Clifton (Without) and Rawcliffe. Perhaps there is a community facility here, to bridge that Parish Boundary line for many more of us. Facilities range from meeting rooms, large and small to dance studio and performance area as well as indoor and outdoor sports areas.

Change doesn't stop there though does it? What is to happen to the old Clifton Without site? Some of it is wanted by Canon Lee for their activities and the whole of the site may be affiliated to Canon Lee for management purposes. There is rumour of Youth Service accommodation. However, that will not account for all the facilities / space available.

