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PRIMARY school children won't be able to return to their classrooms in September because their building is so riddled with asbestos.

The deadly fibres were found by builders extending and refurbishing the school.

But while they finish the work, around 150 three to 11-year-olds will be taught in six temporary classrooms costing almost £200,000.

The find was made in June by construction workers at Thomas Gray School, Bootle.

School authorities closed the school for six days and made arrangements to transfer teaching to nearby St George of England High School.

The children had separate classrooms and toilets and free school meals were available. A shuttle bus was also put on.

Teaching space at the senior school will not be available for the forthcoming school year.

Thomas Gray went through an asbestos assessment survey before the work started but the builders found more than expected.

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The school's junior and infants departments are currently split between two sites and the extension is designed to bring all the children on to one site.

Senior Sefton councillors are now being asked to rubber-stamp plans to hire and install the cabins at a cost of £189,312.

The extension has a £3m budget, but only £2.7m of that has been allocated. The £300,000 left over will pay for the temporary classrooms.

Councillors will consider sanctioning the "urgent additional works" at a cabinet meeting at Bootle Town hall today.

Because of the desperate need to find teaching space Sefton waived the usual formal tender process to get quotes for the temporary classrooms. Instead, they asked three contractors to bid for the work.

Announcing the school closure, headteacher Sarah Moreland wrote on June 18: "I'd like to reassure you Sefton council have assured us pupils and staff have not been in any danger, and the director of public health said they have not been exposed to any risk."

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