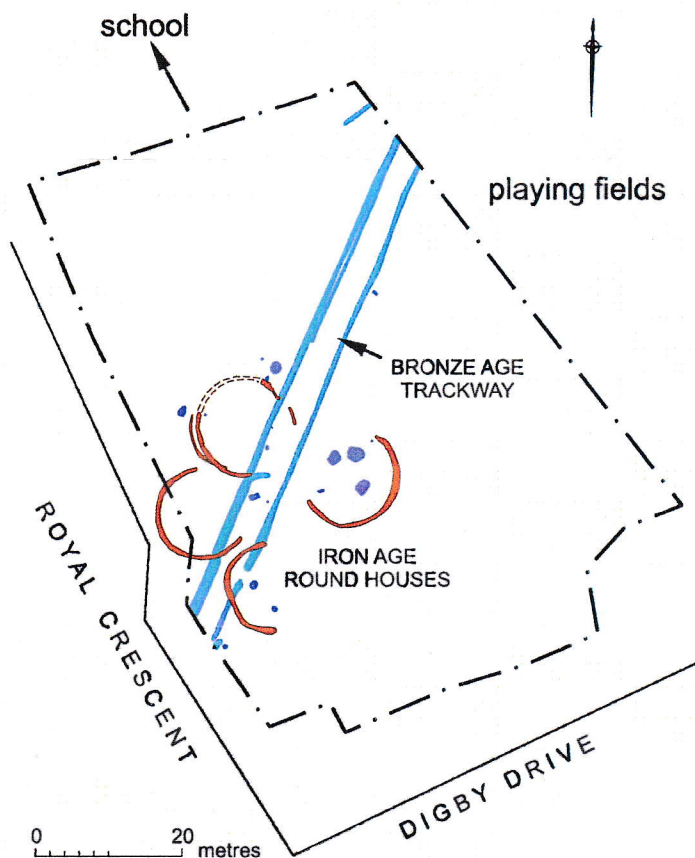


# Under our school

## *What is Archaeology ?*

Archaeology is the study of how we lived in the past. Archaeologists would like to understand how we developed from the first humans to how we live now. One of the

main ways that archaeologists try to answer this question is to dig up (or excavate as archaeologists call it) evidence that is buried below the ground. These archaeological remains could be large things like walls or ditches, or small items that archaeologists call 'artefacts', such as pottery, jewellery or tools.



## *The excavation*

A team of archaeologists excavated here before the school was built. As a machine carefully removed the soil, patterns of different coloured soil started to appear in the ground. The archaeologists excavated these carefully and uncovered the remains of a trackway and four small and very old round houses. Not much was left of these houses, only the circular trenches that had been dug for the walls. Almost everything else had disappeared. This included the walls themselves, the roofs and all the furniture. Fortunately, one very important household item had survived. The

archaeologists found pieces of broken pottery in pits dug inside the houses. The pots had been made over 2,000 years ago. The team had found a Bronze Age trackway and a small Iron Age village.