

Have a Say On New School

Pembrokeshire County Council is to consult members of the public over its plans for a new school in Milford Haven.

The Council wants to create a new primary school for Hakin and Hubberston.

The new school would replace the existing Hubberston VC Primary School and Hakin Community Primary, which is currently split over two sites.

The proposal follows approval by Cabinet of a recommendation by the Director for Children & Schools to review primary provision in the area.

The review follows initial consultation carried out in June and July this year.

A consultation document about the new school plans will be available on the Council's web site later this month, while two drop in sessions for members of the public will be held next month.

"The Council has a statutory duty to secure sufficient and suitable school places in its area and determine whether it is making the best use of resources and facilities to deliver the opportunities that children deserve," said Councillor Ken Rowland, Cabinet Member for Education.

"Our proposal aims to enhance educational provision by providing a modern learning environment for our children and, by drawing on the strengths of both existing schools, to drive up standards of pupil attainment."

The new school would be a Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Primary School, catering for up to 480 pupils aged 3 - 11 years, and include a 24 place Learning Resource Centre (LRC) for pupils with complex needs.

Other benefits will include the possibility of providing opportunities for adult learning and wider community use.

Further details of the proposal are contained in the consultation document, which will be available on the Council's website from Monday 25th November 2013 to Monday 6th January 2014. The document will be available at www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Interested parties are also invited to attend drop-in sessions, which run from 6.30 - 8pm on Wednesday 4th December, at Hakin Community Primary School on Waterloo Road, and Thursday 5th December at Hubberston VC School.

Pembrokeshire County Council's Head of Education will make a brief presentation at 7pm as part of the sessions.