

GELLISWICK CHURCH IN WALES VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL

A £12 million new build primary school serving pupils in the Hakin and Hubberston areas.

Gelliswick Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Primary School was formed following the decision to discontinue Hakin Community School and Hubberston Church in Wales VC Nursery and Primary School. This would allow the strengthening and development of primary education provision for pupils in the Hakin and Hubberston areas. It was also proposed that the area contained within the catchment boundaries of the current school be retained to serve the new school.

The new school entity was established on 1st September 2017, with the school operating across the three existing sites until moving into the new build in January 2018.

The main reasons and advantages of the scheme were:

- to consolidate onto one site in order to further improve standards;
- to provide provision of improved facilities for the Learning Resource Centre (ALN Unit), which in turn will provide greater expertise and provision in one place and improved transition;
- to improve the learning environment in order to raise standards and the provision of dedicated facilities for family integration, which is key to improving wellbeing and attendance levels;
- to improve transition and curriculum planning;
- to improve literacy and numeracy by an all-through school;
- to improve social skills of pupils as a result of younger and older pupils integrating in the same space;
- to improve opportunities for music provision/sports/out of school provision/outdoor learning;
- to have a leadership team based on one site;
- to have provision of purpose built specialist facilities, including community rooms;

- to have improved cost efficiency in the running of the education provision in this geographical location by removing unnecessary duplication, aligning capacity with demand (in light of demographic change), generating economies of scale and expanding economies of scope; this will result in the removal of surplus places;
- to provide a flexible and adaptable 21st Century learning environment.

KEY INFORMATION	
LOCATION	Gelliswick Road, Hakin, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 3RS
CATEGORY	The school is a Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled primary school. It has a religious character which conforms with the doctrines of the Church in Wales, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.
ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS	Pembrokeshire County Council is the Admissions Authority for the new school. The Council's admissions policy and oversubscription criteria applies. The school admits pupils of both sexes and there will be no provision for selection by either aptitude or ability.
ADMISSION NUMBER	68
AGE RANGE	3-11
CAPACITY	480
NUMBER OF NURSERY PLACES	60
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE PLACES	24
LANGUAGE CATEGORY	English Medium (EM)
SCHOOL TRANSPORT	Transport arrangements are in accordance with the law and County Council policy.

BUILD INFORMATION

ARCHITECT: Lawray Architects / Austin Smith Lord

CONTRACTOR: Willmott Dixon

CAPITAL COST: £12,025,000

COMPLETION DATE: January 2018

BUILD SPECIFICATIONS: The design is based on the recommended areas included in the DfES document Building Bulletin 92 (2nd Edition): Briefing Framework for Primary School Projects.

The school's accommodation comprises of two part time nursery classrooms, seven Foundation Phase classrooms, nine Key Stage 2 classrooms, two complex needs classrooms (one for each key stage), a food/science/technology room, a library, a community room and adjoining small hall, a large main hall, staff and admin areas, a medical room and a conference/meeting room.

It includes a 24 place Learning Resource Centre (LRC) for pupils with complex needs. The LRC will make provision for learners with special educational needs, as defined by Section 312 (1) of Education Act 1996 and will also support provision for those with the wider range of additional learning needs.