

YSGOL YR EGLWYS YNG NGHYMRU PENRHYN DEWI (St David's 3-16 School)

A £4 million investment on the current Ysgol Dewi Sant site to support the formation of a 3-16 school in the St Davids area.

Pembrokeshire County Council and Welsh Government agreed to the reorganisation of primary and secondary education provision in the St David's area, by discontinuing Ysgol Dewi Sant, Ysgol Bro Dewi CiW VA Primary, and Solva Community School on 31st August 2018. As from 1st September 2018, a new 3-16 Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School will be established on the sites of the current schools with post-16 provision available in the new sixth form centre as part of a formal collaboration between the County Council and Pembrokeshire College.

The main reasons for this proposal were:

- to maintain or improve educational standards for learners, in terms of their academic achievements, the progress they make, and life chances and opportunities as they progress from education into training and employment;
- to address surplus places and in part the condition and suitability of buildings;
- to provide a greater assurance of long term sustainability of education provision in the St David's area;
- that a 3-16 school would allow staff to contribute to policies and procedures across all age ranges and ensure common targets and improvements are set;
- to allow staff to focus closely on the curriculum requirements of each stage including improving the transition from KS2 to KS3;
- that the removal of sixth form provision would ensure that there would be full funding to support teaching and learning approaches, without funding being diverted to support inefficient sixth form sizes;
- that bringing together the different standards of support provision together in a single school, would facilitate more flexible development of support staff and ensure greater continuity of relationships between the primary and secondary sectors;
- that the rationalisation and education provision would facilitate the development of a strong school leadership and management team, led by one Headteacher, with one Governing Body.

KEY INFORMATION

LOCATION	St David's Area – current sites of Ysgol Bro Dewi, Ysgol Dewi Sant and Solva Community School
AGE RANGE	3-16
MAINTAINED SCHOOL CATEGORY	The school will be a Voluntary Aided school with a religious characteristic which will conform to the doctrines of the Church in Wales. Information regarding a faith-based education can be found in the Welsh Government document 'Faith in Education' published in 2011.
LANGUAGE CATEGORY	Primary element – English medium with significant use of Welsh Secondary element – English medium
CAPACITY	Reception-Year 6: 149 Year 7-Year 11: 300
ADMISSION NUMBERS	Reception-Year 6: 21 Year 7-Year 11: 60 <i>As the school has become a Voluntary Aided school, the capacity and admission numbers will be the decision of the governing body.</i>
NURSERY PLACES	31
ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS	Admissions to the school will be the responsibility of the Governing Body. The number of pupils to be admitted annually will be determined by the Admission Number which will be reviewed annually by Pembrokeshire County Council and the Governing Body in consultation with the Diocesan Council for Education. 3-16 schools are regarded as "middle schools" according to the Welsh Government's School Admissions Code. Therefore this type of model would have an admission number for Nursery, Reception and Year 7. Pupils entering Nursery or Reception in September 2018 would need to apply for admission in accordance with the published admissions policy. No admission application will be needed for Year 7 admissions from pupils already attending Year 6 from September 2018 in the primary element of the school as they would

	automatically transfer from primary to secondary phase within the school.
SCHOOL TRANSPORT	Transport arrangements are in accordance with the law and County Council policy.

BUILD INFORMATION

ARCHITECT: Pembrokeshire County Council – in house

CONTRACTOR: WB Griffiths Ltd.

CAPITAL COST: £4 million

BUILD SPECIFICATIONS: The school will be placed on the existing sites of Ysgol Dewi Sant, Bro Dewi and Solva and accommodation will be fully accessible throughout and will comply with DfE requirements where practicable.

The extent of where pupils will be placed will be determined by the numbers on roll and the capacity of the existing schools. Age groups will be segregated appropriately to maximise safety and curriculum management. The decision of which year groups will be placed where will be down to the Temporary Governing Body.

Capital works are currently taking place at Ysgol Dewi Sant which commenced in August 2017 with the school decanting to a section of Tasker Milward VC School, Haverfordwest for the duration of the build. Work is due to be completed by July 2018 in order for the school to be re-occupied by September 2018.