

# Plans go forward for new Tenby schools

A planning application for two new primary schools in Tenby has been submitted.

The £8.37 million investment in primary education in the south Pembrokeshire town was approved earlier this year.

Pembrokeshire County Council plans to open two new schools on the current Tenby Junior and Tenby Infant School site at Heywood Lane.

The application, which will be determined by the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park authority, includes designs for a brand new 3-11 English medium Voluntary Controlled Primary School building to be constructed next to the current Junior school.

It also includes the refurbishment of the current Junior school to create a new 3-11 Welsh medium Community Primary School.

The current Tenby Infant School will be demolished.

The cost of the £8.37 million project will be shared between the County Council and the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools programme.

"The planning application is the next step forward for this exciting project," said Councillor Ken Rowlands, Cabinet Member for Children and Schools

"These two new schools will provide children in the area with the very best educational start in life.

"It also demonstrates the investment which County Council is determined to continue to make into the education and future of our young people."

The proposals were earlier approved by Huw Lewis, Minister for Education and Skills, who said:

"The establishment of the new schools will promote a high standard of education provision, with purpose-built facilities for 21<sup>st</sup> century schools."

His approval follows consultation by the County Council with parents, staff and governors of the Tenby VC Infants School and Tenby Junior Community School in 2012 and the publication of a Statutory Notice in 2013.

The new primary schools' catchment areas will remain the same as the areas currently shared by the present schools.

Designed by the County Council's in-house architects team, the new build English medium school will cater for 390 pupils and will have a designated religious character maintaining the role of the church in the provision of primary education in Tenby.

It will also have a two-classroom unit for children with Special Educational Needs, a 30-place nursery classroom and 15 places accommodated within a mixed nursery/reception classroom. There will also be provision for an early years' playgroup.

The capacity of the Welsh medium school will be 210 pupils, plus a 30-place nursery classroom, a quiet area and outdoor play facilities.

If the planning application is approved it is hoped that the new schools will be open for pupils from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

***Caption***

Architect drawings show the proposed schools site and the new English medium school.

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