

Harlow Green Primary School

The existing Infant and Junior schools are scheduled to amalgamate on 1st September 2006 and will cater for students aged between 4 and 11.

The main component of both schools' curriculum is the National Curriculum with religious education being taught alongside. Both schools are open to children of all religious faiths and creeds. The existing schools include a Visual Impairment Unit where additional resources are provided to support pupils with particular sight problems.

The existing Infant school, built in 1970, operates on its own site with the reception class onwards being taught in a single building. The nursery building (40 FTE) is on the same site but detached from the main school. The existing Junior school, built in 1966, operates on its own site and comprises a single, two storey building containing classrooms, school hall, dining room and kitchen together with a football pitch. The existing buildings have a combined gross internal floor area of 3,302m².

The new school facilities will address the following areas of concern of the existing buildings:

- Most of the general teaching areas are small and have had little development since the school was first built. ICT development hampered – electrical upgrade required. All infant classrooms suffer from a poor environment through excessive solar gain.
- Junior school dining hall used as a library (noisy, inconvenient and inadequate).
- Junior school staff-room cannot accommodate all staff together. Similar issue with Infant staff-room.
- Staff has no dedicated teaching areas for visually impaired pupils.

The new school building incorporates a building management system in the heating and ventilation systems resulting in the energy efficient operation of the building.

Other facts about the new school facilities include:

- It will cater for 420 pupils and 30 place FTE nursery.
- The gross internal floor area of the new school facilities is 2,409m² over two floors.
- Work represents a capital investment in the region of £5 million.
- Construction has been planned and programmed so there is no need for temporary classrooms.

- The new school has 14 Reception, KS1 & KS2 classbases, learning zone area and group working areas. Separate VIU accommodation.
- External facilities include a multi use games area and sports field to Sport England standards.
- Construction work on the new building began in February 2006.
- New school building ready for occupation for the start of the Summer term 2007/2008.
- External works complete in Spring Term 2008/2009.