

## Highfield Community Primary School

The school is a mixed primary school for children aged 4-11.

The main component of the school's curriculum is the National Curriculum with religious education being taught alongside. The school is open to children of all religious faiths and creeds.

The school, which opened in 1908, comprise two buildings containing two multi-purpose halls, a library, and ICT suite, teaching areas and a community room. One building comprises the Nursery and Reception areas with Key Stages 1 and 2 being in the main building. The gross internal floor area for the existing buildings is 1,676m<sup>2</sup>.

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

- School operates from 2 separate Victorian buildings. Both buildings have unsatisfactory environmental conditions principally generated by either solar gain in summer with excessive cold experienced in winter. Both existing halls are under-sized. Main school building on two levels with no lift access.
- Site access for traffic causes major concern. Parking is mainly off-site.
- Toilets are inadequate and worn out requiring major remodelling and modernisation.
- No formal reception area is available.

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 105 pupils and 15 place FTE nursery.
- The gross internal floor area of the new school facilities (including St. Joseph's RC VA Primary) is 1,599m<sup>2</sup>.
- Work represents a capital investment in the region of £4 million (including St Joseph's RC VA Primary).
- The new school has 4 Reception, KS1 & KS2 classbases with group working areas; learning zone area and other facilities (shared with St Joseph's RC VA Primary).
- External facilities include access to a floodlit multi use games area and sports field to Sport England standards (shared with St Joseph's RC VA Primary).
- Construction work on the new building scheduled to begin in April 2006.

- New school building ready for occupation for the start of the Summer term 2006/2007.
- External works complete for Autumn Term 2007/2008.