

## **Rowlands Gill Primary School**

The existing Infant and Junior schools are scheduled to amalgamate on 1 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 Infant school, built in 1967, operates on its own site with the reception class onwards being taught in a single building. The nursery building (30 FTE) is on the same site but detached from the main school. The existing Junior school, built in the 1960's, operates on its own site some  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the Infant school site and comprises a two storey former Secondary school building with its own playing field. The school has a Moderate Learning Support Unit. The existing buildings have a combined gross internal floor area of 4,930m<sup>2</sup>.

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

- Both schools report unsatisfactory environmental conditions principally generated by either solar gain in summer with excessive cold experienced in winter.
- Junior school on two levels with no lift access.
- Toilets are inadequate and worn out requiring major remodelling and modernisation.
- The Infant Headteacher shares office space with the school secretary. Staff have an under-sized room which has to be shared with school secretary as an additional office space.

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 2,366m<sup>2</sup> 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 MLD accommodation.
- External facilities include a multi use games area and sports field to Sport England standards.

- 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 2007/2008.
- Following demolition of the existing Junior school buildings, external works complete for Autumn Term 2008/2009.